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Scarborough Southwest

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Scarborough Community Council

Park Naming in Ward 36

There is a new, unnamed park located immediately east of the city-owned Campbell Estate on Kingston Road. Last year this park was transformed into a community garden thanks to Fiskars Project Orange Thumb and Canadian Tire.

Recommendation

1. That the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation report to the next Community Council on the naming of this park Councillor Fred Johnson Park.

Background

Affectionately called Mr. Fred by his wide network of friends, Fred Johnson lives and raised his family in Guildwood Village. Not content to just work and cut the grass, and having survived a traumatic injury in a construction explosion in 1955, Fred reached out and confronted challenge after challenge in his community and beyond.

As Founder of the Scarborough Girls' Hockey League, Fred insisted the President be a woman - not only classy but well ahead of the times. His breadth of interest and commitment saw Fred found the 1st Youth Drop-in/East Scarborough, the Toronto Optimist Bantam Drum Corp, and the Guildwood Indian Football Team.

Always for the kids, Fred spent countless hours flooding two neighbourhood outdoor ice rinks, even though he could no longer skate.

After 20-years serving on the Executive of the Guildwood Village Community Association as Chair, Vice-Chair, Sports Director, Guildwood Day Chair, Membership Chair, and Treasurer, Fred was awarded an Honourary Life Membership in GVCA.

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Not surprisingly, Fred was named 1978 Citizen of the Year in Scarborough. Not to rest on laurels, Fred was appointed a citizen Member of the Scarborough Board of Health.

In 1988, Fred jumped into City politics and was elected in Ward 7. He served the City of Scarborough until amalgamation in 1997. His accomplishments and commitment to his community, Ward, and City over 10-years is marked by the countless Committees and Boards on which he served. But, above all else, he helped build a strong community and set an example of community dedication and commitment that will span generations. I am proud to request that Toronto Council recognize Fred Johnson's extraordinary contribution to our City by naming this park the Councillor Fred Johnson Park.

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