



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Proposed naming of a new park to “Councillor Fred Johnson Park”

Date:	July 19, 2010
To:	Scarborough Community Council
From:	Brenda Patterson, General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation
Wards:	Ward 36 – Scarborough Southwest
Reference Number:	P:\2010\Cluster A\PFR\SC37-081710-AFS#12473

SUMMARY

This staff report is about a matter for which Community Council has delegated authority from City Council to make a final decision.

This report responds to the request made at Scarborough Community Council (Item SC35.26) at its May 25, 2010 meeting regarding the naming of a new park, east of the City-owned Campbell Estate on Kingston Road in honour of Councillor Fred Johnson.

Parks, Forestry, and Recreation staff is recommending that the new park situated east of the City-owned Campbell Estate on Kingston Road be named “Councillor Fred Johnson Park” in honour of his significant contributions to the Scarborough region.

Parks, Forestry and Recreation staff have exercised due diligence in ensuring that all criteria in the Naming and Renaming for Parks and Recreation Facilities Policy have been met.

RECOMMENDATION

The General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation Division recommends Scarborough Community Council:

1. Name the new park situated east of the City-owned Campbell Estate on Kingston Road to “Councillor Fred Johnson Park” in honour of his significant contributions to the Scarborough Region.

Financial Impact

There are no financial implications resulting from the adoption of this report.

DECISION HISTORY

Scarborough Community Council, at its meeting of May 25, 2010, considered a letter from Councillor Brian Ashton relating to the request to name the new, unnamed parklands located east of the City-owned Campbell estate on Kingston Road to “Councillor Fred Johnson Park”, and referred the matter to the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation for a report to Scarborough Community Council.

Community Council Decision Document (item SC35.26):

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2010/sc/decisions/2010-05-25-sc35-dd.htm>

COMMENTS

Councillor Fred Johnson served as Councillor of Ward 7 from 1988 until amalgamation in 1997. He was dedicated to his community and served on several committees and boards. It was during his leadership that Guildwood Village grew and developed with the injection of several businesses and residential developments.

Councillor Johnson was dedicated to the youth of Scarborough. He was a founder of the Scarborough Girls Hockey League and insisted that a woman be voted into the presidency. He spent countless hours flooding the two Guildwood neighbourhood outdoor ice rinks to encourage community recreation during the winter months. Councillor Johnson was also instrumental in founding the 1st Youth Drop-in East Scarborough, the Toronto Optimist Bantam Drum Corp and the Guildwood Indian Football Team. He was awarded an Honourary Life Membership on the Executive of the Guildwood Village Community Association after serving in various leadership roles for twenty years.

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