

Monday, February 1, 2010

To: Chair and Members of the Toronto East York Community Council

Recommendation: That the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation report at the March 9th, 2010 Toronto East York Community Council meeting on the re-naming of “Harbord Park” to “Art Eggleton Park”.

Discussion: Art Eggleton has served Torontonians at Toronto City Council, in the Canadian House of Commons and in the Senate for over thirty-five years. Raised and educated in Toronto, Mr. Eggleton first worked as an accountant before being elected to Toronto City Council in 1969, where he served for twenty-two years on the Executive Committee. Between 1973 and 1980, he served as City Budget Chief and also served on the Metropolitan Toronto Police Commission and the Board of the Canadian National Exhibition. He holds the distinction of being Toronto’s longest serving Mayor in holding office for eleven years from December 1, 1980 to November 30, 1991.

As members of the Toronto and East York Community Council maybe aware, “Harbord Park” in Ward 19 has a name which is already featured in Toronto (Harbord Street). Furthermore, Harbord Park is in the Ward that Art Eggleton represented as the local Alderman.

I believe it is most appropriate that Mr. Art Eggleton, as Toronto’s longstanding Mayor and former area Councillor, be recognized with the naming of an “Art Eggleton Park” in the City of Toronto.

Sincerely,

Joe Pantalone
Deputy Mayor
City of Toronto