

Proposed renaming of Carr Street Parkette to Randy Padmore Park

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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 Toronto and East York Community Council regarding the renaming of Carr Street Parkette situated at 47 Denison Avenue in honour of Arthur Randolph Padmore.

Parks, Forestry, and Recreation staff is recommending that Carr Street Parkette situated at 47 Denison Avenue be officially renamed “Randy Padmore Park” in honour of Mr. Padmore’s significant contributions to the Alexandra Park Community and the City of Toronto.

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 that Toronto and East York Community Council:

1. Rename Carr Street Parkette located at 47 Denison Avenue to “Randy Padmore Park” in honour of Mr. Padmore’s significant contributions to the Alexandra Park Community and City of Toronto.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

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

DECISION HISTORY

Toronto and East York Community Council, at its meeting of February 9, 2010, considered a letter from Councillor Adam Vaughan relating to the request to rename Carr Street Parkette situated at 47 Denison Avenue, to “Randy Padmore Park” and referred the matter to the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation for a report to Toronto and East York Community Council. (Item TE31.77)

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2010/te/decisions/2010-02-09-te31-dd.htm>

COMMENTS

Randy Padmore was born and raised in the City of Toronto. He devoted a large part of his life to community projects, charitable work and public service and was instrumental in founding the Dexter Johnston Community Basketball Program. This program combined the instruction of essential basketball skills but more importantly, the learning of essential life lessons. Mr. Padmore also created the Dexter Johnston Scholarship on behalf of Dexter Johnston, a respected community leader and basketball player.

Randy Padmore’s passion for outreach work was evident in the work he did with families and youth of the Atkinson Housing Co-op, the Alexandra Park neighbourhood and beyond. His involvement with youth programs extended beyond Alexandra Park to the Malvern area where he founded the Youth Leadership Program. Randy played a key role in the summer outdoor basketball league, which operated three nights a week and involved over 140 Toronto youth. Mr. Padmore’s ultimate goal was to help revitalize the Alexandra Park community, to which he worked tirelessly and dedicated countless hours. These works were cut tragically short as Mr. Padmore’s life was lost in his prime in a tragic auto collision.

Renaming this parkette in the community where Randy Padmore was a dedicated leader and much-loved member would be a tribute to his many accomplishments, achievements and community activism.

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