

## **Proposed renaming of Cecil Street Parkette to Julius Deutsch Park**

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<b>To:</b>	Toronto and East York Community Council
<b>From:</b>	Brenda Patterson, General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation
<b>Wards:</b>	Ward 20 - Trinity-Spadina
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### **SUMMARY**

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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 (Item TE32.128) at its March 9, 2010 meeting regarding the renaming of Cecil Street Parkette situated at 40 Cecil Street in honour of Julius Deutsch.

Parks, Forestry, and Recreation staff is recommending that Cecil Street Parkette situated at 40 Cecil Street be officially renamed “Julius Deutsch Park” in honour of Julius Deutsch’s significant contributions to 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**

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**The General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation Division recommends Toronto and East York Community Council:**

1. Rename Cecil Street Parkette located at 40 Cecil Street Parkette to “Julius Deutsch Park” in honour of Mr. Deutsch’s significant contributions to the 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 March 9, 2010, considered a letter from Councillor Adam Vaughan relating to the request to rename Cecil Street Parkette situated at 40 Cecil Street to “Julius Deutsch 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 TE32.128)

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2010/te/decisions/2010-03-09-te32-dd.htm>

## **COMMENTS**

Julius Deutsch (1953-2010) was a respected community activist and spent most of his 56 years working for various causes founded on social justice. He focused his attention on many labour issues and cared passionately about bringing equity to Toronto's many diverse communities. Mr. Deutsch worked diligently to help block attempts to privatize Toronto's municipal water system, advocated for fair funding of public transit and encouraged civic engagement at City Hall.

Julius Deutsch may be best remembered for his efforts to encourage unions to create green jobs. He had recently organized the “Good Green Jobs for All” conference, which brought together union workers, environmentalists and others to discuss how they could work together to ensure a sustainable future.

Renaming this park in the community Julius Deutsch served in and contributed would be a tribute to his many accomplishments, achievements and community activism.

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## **SIGNATURE**

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