

City Council

Notice of Motion

MM39.10	ACTION			Ward:All
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Commemoration of Former Prime Minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau by the City of Toronto - by Councillor Michelle Berardinetti, seconded by Councillor Peter Milczyn

** Notice of this Motion has been given.*

** This Motion is subject to referral to the Executive Committee. A two thirds vote is required to waive referral.*

Recommendations

Councillor Michelle Berardinetti, seconded by Councillor Peter Milczyn recommends that:

1. City Council direct the City Manager to report back to City Council no later than the December 16, 2013 City Council meeting with respect to identifying a significant Toronto landmark which could be renamed in honour of former Prime Minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau in order that the City of Toronto appropriately commemorate the memory and the contribution to our country and to the City of Toronto of the late Prime Minister. Landmarks to be considered may include major roadways, buildings or gathering places.

Summary

The former Prime Minister of Canada, the Right Honourable Pierre Elliott Trudeau, served from 1968 to 1979 and then again from 1980 to 1984. During this period he oversaw some of most historic changes in Canadian history including the Charter of Rights and Freedoms, the patriation of Canada's Constitution, the introduction of multi-culturalism across Canada and formal recognition of our country's two official languages. His policies included those aimed at a more just society and his efforts propelled Canada onto the world stage in a manner not seen prior to his time in office. His government introduced the Canada Health Act which protected universal access to publicly funded health care across Canada. Among the many contributions directly affecting the City of Toronto was the creation by his government of the "Harbourfront Corporation" in 1972 which was the foundation from which emerged the many cultural and community buildings and programs that now line the shoreline there.

All of these policies dramatically and directly affected the lives of all Canadians including residents of the City of Toronto.

The former Prime Minister passed away on September 28, 2000 and the recognition of his contribution to our City and to our country by the City of Toronto is long overdue.

(Submitted to City Council on October 8 and 9, 2013 as Member Motion MM39.10)

Background Information (City Council)

Member Motion MM39.10