

## City Council

### Notice of Motion

MM8.32	ACTION			Ward: All
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### **Request for Report on the Feasibility of Renaming the Wilson Heights Parkette at 576 Wilson Heights Boulevard to Michael Feldman Parkette - by Councillor James Pasternak, seconded by Councillor Mike Colle**

*\* Notice of this Motion has been given.*

*\* This Motion is subject to referral to the North York Community Council. A two-thirds vote is required to waive referral.*

### **Recommendations**

Councillor James Pasternak, seconded by Councillor Mike Colle, recommends that:

1. City Council request the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation to consider the feasibility of renaming the Wilson Heights Parkette to Michael Feldman Park as well as installing the appropriate signage and report back to the September 16, 2019 meeting of the North York Community Council.

### **Summary**

Former City Councillor Michael Feldman held office for 18 years in York Centre. Before being elected to City Council in 1992, Mr. Feldman was a successful businessman who founded Teela Data Management, a company specializing in real estate information.

During his time as City Councillor, Mr. Feldman served as Deputy Mayor. He was a champion for local and City-wide issues. He was also a chair of the Metro Housing Development Corporation, a public housing agency serving the municipality of Metropolitan Toronto, whose constituent municipalities would form the merged City of Toronto after 1997.

In York Centre, Mr. Feldman is known for championing and raising funds for the colourful mural on the wall of the 401 at the southeast corner of Bathurst Street and Wilson Avenue. His vision for the City has been inspired by European traditions, such as the idea of creating bicycle lanes that are truly separated from lanes for motorized vehicles. He always visualized a City in which pedestrians can walk along streets in York Centre and look through the windows of local businesses, as they can in many downtown areas.

The Wilson Heights Parkette sits in the heart of Bathurst Manor where much of Mr. Feldman's work was directed. There are currently two Wilson Heights Parkettes which usually causes confusion so this renaming is fitting.

**Background Information (City Council)**

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