

Proposed naming of New Parkette at 11 Division Police Station in honour of the late "Police Constable Percy Cummins"

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To:	Etobicoke York Community Council
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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 a request made at the Etobicoke York Community Council meeting on September 12, 2011 (EY9.57) regarding the naming of a new parkette at 11 Division Police Station, located at 2054 Davenport Road and Olser Street.

Parks, Forestry, and Recreation staff is recommending that the new parkette at 11 Division Police Station be officially named "Constable Percy Cummins Parkette" in honour of his 11 years of service to the citizens of 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 Etobicoke York Community Council:

1. Name the new parkette at 11 Division Police Station, located at 2054 Davenport Road, "Constable Percy Cummins Parkette" in honour of his 11 years of service to the citizens of the City of Toronto.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

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

DECISION HISTORY

Etobicoke York Community Council, at its meeting of September 12, 2011, in considering a communication from Councillor Palacio, requested the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation to review and report back on the feasibility of naming the new parkette at 11 Division Police Station, located at 2054 Davenport Road, in honour of the late Constable Percy Cummins.

(Etobicoke York Community Council Decision Document – September 12, 2011 - Item EY9.57)

[2011-09-12 Decision Document – Etobicoke York Community Council.htm](#)

COMMENTS

On June 16, 1970, Percy Cummins joined the Metropolitan Toronto Police, after serving 7.5 years with the Royal Barbados Police. He began and sadly ended his career at 11 Division in West Toronto, where he concluded 11 years of service to the citizens of Toronto. Police Constable Percy Cummins passed away in the line of duty at 38 years of age, leaving behind his wife, his 8-year old daughter and 5-year old son.

While attached to 11 Division, Police Constable Cummins performed his duties both in uniform and plainclothes.

On Wednesday, September 23, 1981, at approximately 8:00 pm, Police Constable Cummins and his partner Police Constable Michael Jones attended an address to investigate a disturbance. Both officers went to the third floor and tried to speak to a man who attacked and disarmed both officers. During the struggle, the man fatally shot Police Constable Cummins in the neck and proceeded to shoot Police Constable Jones in the hand.

On Thursday, November 19, 1981, the Metropolitan Toronto Board of Commissioners of Police awarded the Metropolitan Toronto Police Medal of Honour posthumously to Police Constable Percy Cummins. The medal was presented to his wife Eurieta Cummins.

For the past 13 years, an annual cricket match has been held in memory and honour of the service Police Constable Cummins provided to the Toronto Police and its residents. The match features the Toronto Police Cricket Club and the Barbados ex-Police Association.

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