



December 15, 2011

**To: Chair and Members, Etobicoke York Community Council**

**SUMMARY:**

The Provincial riding of Etobicoke North was created in 1963 and Len Braithwaite was its first Member of Provincial Parliament. He served from 1963 to 1975.

Mr. Braithwaite was also active in local and regional government, having served on the Board of Education (1960-1962), Etobicoke Council (1962-1964), and later on Council's Board of Control and Metro Toronto Council (1982-1988).

He was appointed as a Member of the Order of Canada in 1997 and as a Member of the Order on Ontario in 2006. Len Braithwaite qualifies as one of Etobicoke's leading citizens. He has distinguished himself both in his profession of law, and in community services at three levels of government.

I can think of no one more deserving of having a park named after him, particularly in his former riding of North Etobicoke.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

1. Etobicoke York Community Council request the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation, to report to the Community Council on the feasibility of naming or renaming an appropriate park, potentially in the North Etobicoke area, in honour of Len Braithwaite's service and significant contribution to the community.



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