

ABC
Residents Association

2013-03-12
Councillor Wong Tam,
Ward 27
City of Toronto,

Dear Councillor Wong Tam,

Thank you for asking ABC's advice about the naming of the small park at the corner of Macpherson Avenue and Avenue Road. The ABC Board has given it much thought and after considering a number of possible options we have finally decided to recommend

Jay Macpherson Green

We suggest a plaque noting Jay's contribution to Canadian Literature, a rock engraved with a quote from one of her poems, and, of course, a bench.

Jay was one of our residents and a contributing member of ABC. This history, however, is secondary to her contribution to Canadian Literature. This article in the "[The nurturing nature of Jay Macpherson](#)" published in the Globe and Mail last April shortly after her death gives you some details of those contributions and good reasons she should be honoured.

We are suggesting the word "Green" instead of "Park". It is a small area and we think this would be an appropriate alternative and also more in keeping with Jay's values. It would also connect to this quote we are suggesting from her poem -

The Fisherman

*The world was first a private park
Until the angel, after dark,
Scattered afar to wests and easts
The lovers and the friendly beasts.*

We hope that this suggestions is supported by you and Parks Staff. If you would like to discuss please contact us.

Regards,

Mary Helen Spence

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