

## **Naming the Artificial Ice Rink/Splash Pad in Sherbourne Common as the Paul Quarrington Ice Rink/Splash Pad**

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<b>To:</b>	Toronto and East York Community Council
<b>From:</b>	Jim Hart, General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation
<b>Wards:</b>	Ward 28 - Toronto Centre-Rosedale
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### **SUMMARY**

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This staff report is about a matter for which Community Council has delegated authority from City Council to make a final decision.

Parks, Forestry, and Recreation is recommending that the artificial ice rink/splash pad located in Sherbourne Common, at 11 Dockside Drive, be named in honour of Paul Quarrington and his contributions to Canadian culture as a novelist, playwright, screenwriter, filmmaker, musician and educator.

Parks, Forestry, and Recreation has reviewed the proposal and determined that this naming proposal met all the criteria of the Council-approved *Honourific and Street Naming Policy*.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

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**The General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation Division recommends that Toronto and East York Community Council:**

1. Officially name the artificial ice rink/splash pad located in Sherbourne Common, at 61 Dockside Drive, "Paul Quarrington Ice Rink/Splash Pad" in honour of the contribution made by Paul Quarrington as a Canadian novelist, playwright, screenwriter, filmmaker, musician and educator.

## FINANCIAL IMPACT

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

## COMMENTS

Paul Lewis Quarrington was born in Toronto, July 22, 1953. He grew up in Don Mills, attended the University of Toronto and graduated from the Canadian Film Centre in Toronto.

His literary body of work includes seven non-fiction and ten fiction novels, including *Whale Music* which was awarded the 1989 Governor General's Award for Fiction and was made into a successful motion picture, *King Lear* awarded with the Stephen Leacock Award for Humor in 1988, and *Galveston* and *The Ravine* were both nominated for the prestigious Giller Prize. He was the winner of the Matt Cohen Award for Lifetime of distinguished work by a Canadian author.

Paul Quarrington wrote many screenplays and stage plays, such as *Camilla*, *Whale Music*, *Giant Steps* and *Perfectly Normal* as well as wrote and/or directed short films which screened at film festivals and aired on television.

As a musician, Paul Quarrington worked, performed, composed, and produced music on his own as well as collaborating with others. He played and performed with the Canadian bands: *Joe Hall and the Continental Drift* and *Porkbelly Futures*.

During his lifetime was an influential figure in Canadian literature not only as an author, playwright and screenwriter, but also as an educator at both Humber College and University of Toronto. He was posthumously awarded an honorary Doctorate of Letters by Nipissing University.

### Public Consultation

The West Don Lands Committee (WDLC) is a 17-member coalition of local resident, business, environmental, and heritage organizations created to promote redevelopment of the West Don Lands and the extended waterfront in a manner that is beneficial to the larger community. They meet monthly to review policy, planning, design and construction issues related to the Waterfront. Their meetings are open to the public, and advertised in the local community through all their member organizations. At their October 28, 2013, meeting, the WDLC discussed the proposal to name the Sherbourne Common ice rink/splash pad in honour of Paul Quarrington and voted unanimously to support the idea.

The St. Lawrence neighbourhood is the closest residential area to the new Sherbourne Common. Many of their families enjoy the new amenities, including the ice rink/splash pad. The St. Lawrence Neighbourhood Association ([www.slna.ca](http://www.slna.ca)) represents the

community and is composed of delegates selected from each of the member buildings. Dozens of buildings are members within their boundaries of Queen to the railway, Yonge St. to Parliament St. Each month they have a delegates meeting to review community issues. In summer of this year, the St. Lawrence Neighbourhood Association Board of Directors endorsed the naming proposal.

Parks, Forestry and Recreation staff have exercised due diligence in researching this naming proposal and found that this request meets all policy criteria.

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## **SIGNATURE**

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