

City Council

Notice of Motion

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Naming of the George Chuvalo Neighbourhood Centre - by Councillor Ana Bailão, seconded by Mayor John Tory

** Notice of this Motion has been given.*

** This Motion is subject to referral to the Toronto and East York Community Council. A two-thirds vote is required to waive referral.*

Recommendations

Councillor Ana Bailão, seconded by Mayor John Tory, recommends that:

1. City Council approve the name "George Chuvalo Neighbourhood Centre" for the community centre to be built at 362 Wallace Avenue.

Summary

A new 7,000 square foot community facility will open next year in the Junction Triangle at the corner of Edwin Avenue and Ruskin Avenue. The Parks, Forestry and Recreation facility was funded through Section 37 funds from the Wallace Walk development, located at 362 Wallace Avenue. Operation of the facility has been awarded to the Christie Ossington Neighbourhood Centre through a Request for Proposals process.

Over 200 residents have petitioned the City to name the property after George Chuvalo. Chuvalo was born into a working class immigrant family on Hook Avenue in 1937. He attended St. Rita's School and his mom worked at Symington and Dupont for Royce Dupont Poultry Packers. He lived, worked, and trained in the community for many years before becoming one of the most famous Canadians in the world.

Famous for boxing matches against greats like Muhammad Ali, Chuvalo later reached a new audience with his first-hand accounts of the toll that drug abuse had taken on his family and his passion to make sure young people never see drugs as an answer to their problems. Despite his age, Chuvalo still travels extensively to teach youth about the benefits of a healthy mind, body and life. He still has many friends in the community and is a member of the Boxing Hall of Fame and the Order of Canada.

This naming proposal requires City Council approval.

Background Information (City Council)

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