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To: North York Community Council

Subject: Naming of Parkette – “Luigi Boni Bocce Courts”

SUMMARY

Although the City of Toronto had for many years maintained and operated "Ridge Park", located on the east side of Ridge Road, this land was not actually owned by the City.

This revelation came about during the course of the redevelopment proposal for the new Humber River Hospital. What the City and the Province eventually agreed upon was that as part of the development's parkland dedication, the Province would deed to the City the land that was historically known as "Ridge Park", which is located on the east side of Ridge Road, abutting the Hospital site.

However, the "real" Ridge Park, that is, the parkland actually owned by the City of Toronto, and on which the City has built bocce courts, maintained and operated, is located on the **west** side of Ridge Road. It is this smaller piece of park property (on the west side) that is now to be named. I would propose that this parkland, which is home to a bocce court for the neighbourhood, be named after Mr. Luigi Boni, a local area senior who has been a long-time resident of the Downsview Avenue community and was instrumental in obtaining funding for the lighting of the bocce courts. Mr. Boni is a key organizer and participant of the local organization for senior men, the Roding Seniors Club, which operates out of the City's Roding Community Centre.

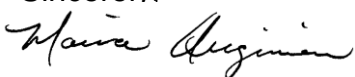
The bocce courts provide the local community with an opportunity to strengthen neighbourhood ties and mingle for three seasons of the year. The area has been cleaned by Parks, Forestry and Recreation and benches have been installed. This site has become *the* local community's seniors congregation and meeting place. It is therefore proposed that the parkland located on the west side of Ridge Road be named the “Luigi Boni Bocce Courts”.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That North York Community Council approve the naming of the parkland located on the west side of Ridge Road as “Luigi Boni Bocce Courts”

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,



Councillor Maria Augimeri