

**City Council****Motion Without Notice**

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**Requesting a Community Consultation on the Potential Renaming of Caribou Park after Phil Givens - by Councillor Christin Carmichael Greb, seconded by Councillor Josh Colle**

*\* Notice of this Motion has not been given. A two-thirds vote is required to waive notice.  
\* This Motion is subject to referral to the North York Community Council. A two-thirds vote is required to waive referral.  
\* This Motion has been deemed urgent by the Chair.*

**Recommendations**

Councillor Christin Carmichael Greb, seconded by Councillor Josh Colle, recommends that:

1. City Council direct the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation to undertake community consultation regarding the potential renaming of "Caribou Park" to "Phil Givens Park", and to report back to the North York Community Council with a recommendation based on the criteria and process outlined in the Property Naming Policy.

**Summary**

Phil Givens was the Mayor of Toronto from 1963-1966. He also served as North York Member of Provincial Parliament for Armourdale and as an Member of Parliament for York West. Phil had a long connection to North York, where he and his wife, Min Givens, raised their family across from Caribou Park. Phil Givens passed away at the age of 73. His wife Min, age 92, still lives across from the park and has been involved with the recent revitalization project for Caribou Park. The community, with Min's help, has currently raised over \$30,000 for new playground equipment and landscaping.

Re-naming Caribou Park to Phil Givens Park would be a fitting tribute to the legacy of a former Member of Parliament, Member of Provincial Parliament and Mayor of Toronto.

The Property Naming Policy was approved by Toronto City Council in July 2015 and came into effect in October 2015. It outlines the process by which the public can initiate an application for naming or renaming city assets including requirements for community consultation and cost recovery, however Members of City Council are excluded as potential applicants.

This Motion is urgent as the renovated park is scheduled to reopen this spring. Staff require the authority to commence the re-naming process under the policy, in lieu of an application, and

report back to the relevant Community Council with recommendations in advance of the spring opening.

**Background Information (City Council)**

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