
City Council

Motion without Notice

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Requesting Community Consultation on Renaming the Parkette at 45 William Hancox Avenue - by Councillor Mary-Margaret McMahon, seconded by Councillor Mike Layton

** This Motion has been deemed urgent by the Chair.*

** This Motion is not subject to a vote to waive referral. This Motion has been added to the agenda and is before Council for debate.*

Recommendations

Councillor Mary-Margaret McMahon, seconded by Councillor Mike Layton, recommends that:

1. City Council direct the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation to investigate the feasibility of renaming the parkette at 45 William Hancox Ave to "Upper Beach Gardens", and report back to Toronto and East York Community Council with a recommendation based on the criteria and process outlined in the Property Naming Policy.

Summary

The Upper Beach Estates Subdivision is one of the youngest neighbourhoods in Toronto. Only 15 years ago the area was a derelict train yard and today it is a thriving community. At the centre of this new community is a large park with no name.

Understandably, there is a great deal of confusion in the community about what to call the green space between Brockville Street and William Hancox Avenue. Adding to this confusion, the City also renamed the former Bridgepoint Park to "Bill Hancox Park" creating an apparent duplication of names.

In 2014, I initiated a process to empower local residents to select a new name for their park. After an extensive poll of community members, which included an open call for names and nearly 400 votes, residents chose Upper Beach Gardens.

This Motion asks Council to authorize staff to undertake the necessary steps outlined in the Property Naming Policy and report back to Toronto and East York Community Council with final recommendations on a name for this important community asset in the Upper Beach.

This Motion is urgent because we need to name the park to help Emergency Services with their calls.

Background Information (City Council)

Member Motion MM12.36