

**City Council****Notice of Motion**

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**Request for Report on Feasibility of Re-naming of Brunswick-College Parkette - by Councillor Joe Cressy, seconded by Councillor Sarah Doucette**

*\* 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 Joe Cressy, seconded by Councillor Sarah Doucette, recommends that:

1. City Council direct the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation to investigate the feasibility of renaming "Brunswick College Parkette" to "The Doctors' Parkette" and to report back to the Toronto and East York Community Council with a recommendation based on the criteria and process outlined in the Property Naming Policy.

**Summary**

The Harbord Village Residents' Association recently undertook a community consultation process to select a new name for Brunswick College Parkette. After an extensive outreach phase where suggestions were solicited, the name "The Doctors' Parkette" was selected for its strong connection to the Harbord Village neighbourhood. Brunswick College Parkette is one of the few open-space areas in the Harbord Village neighbourhood, and as such, is deserving of a name that appropriately reflects the neighbourhood's rich heritage.

The history of Harbord Village is filled with prominent doctors who have made the neighbourhood their home and/or workplace. These include Dr. Bob Frankford, Dr. Norman Bethune, Dr. Joseph Greenberg, Dr. Katharine Hockin, Dr. Cyril Greenland, and Dr. Henry Morgentaler, among many others. All of these doctors have made important contributions to the Harbord Village community and the City, and the community would like to honour these contributions accordingly.

The site of Brunswick College Parkette is also immediately west of the current Kensington Health Centre, and is just south of many other important former medical institutions, such as St. John's Hospital for Women and The Doctors' Hospital – the parkette's location surrounded by current and former medical institutions makes the suggested new name even more fitting.

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 would give staff the authority to commence the process under the policy, in lieu of an application, and report back to the relevant community council with recommendations on the re-naming.

**Background Information (City Council)**

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