

## City Council

### Notice of Motion

MM21.1	ACTION			Ward:17
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### **Feasibility of Re-naming of St. Clair Gardens Parkette - by Councillor Cesar Palacio, seconded by Councillor Frances Nunziata**

*\* Notice of this Motion has been given.*

*\* This Motion is subject to referral to the Etobicoke York Community Council. A two-thirds vote is required to waive referral.*

#### **Recommendations**

Councillor Cesar Palacio, seconded by Councillor Frances Nunziata, recommends that:

1. City Council direct the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation to investigate the feasibility of renaming "St. Clair Gardens Parkette" to "Don Panos Parkette", and to report back to the Etobicoke York Community Council with a recommendation based on the criteria and process outlined in the Property Naming Policy.

#### **Summary**

Don Panos was the founding member of the St. Clair Gardens Business Improvement Area which was formed in 1985. Don served as Chair for most of those years and was also an instrumental figure in Toronto's Business Improvement Areas, until his untimely passing on July 12, 2016.

Don had a tremendous influence in the community: in the friendship and co-operation between the business and local residents that led to the revitalization, beautification and continued gentrification of St. Clair Avenue West and particularly, in the community hub of the St. Clair Gardens Parkette, for holding annual Corn Roasts, Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremonies, etc. Where once there were desolate patches of weeds and an illegal dumping ground, through Don's constant initiatives for the betterment of the community, the creation of the St. Clair Gardens Parkette has enhanced the streetscape and public realm of the St. Clair Gardens community.

I have spoken with the members of the St. Clair Gardens Business Improvement Area and the community and they are in total support of renaming the St. Clair Gardens Parkette to "Don Panos Parkette", which is a fitting honour for an individual who gave so much to his community.

#### **Background Information (City Council)**

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