

## **Naming the park at 111 Anthony Road**

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<b>To:</b>	North York Community Council
<b>From:</b>	General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation
<b>Wards:</b>	Ward 9 – York Centre
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### **SUMMARY**

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In June 2012, City Council authorized an exchange of lands to create a park at 111 Anthony Road and capital improvements to the property were completed in 2015. The park has been informally called "Anthony Road Park" and "Anthony Road School Park" during this time, however a name for the park has not been established.

Property naming and renaming are a matter for which a Community Council has delegated authority from City Council to make a final decision.

The Parks, Forestry and Recreation Division initiated a naming process outlined in the Council-approved *City of Toronto Property Naming Policy* in consultation with the local Councillor, including the creation of a list of potential names and community consultation on the options.

Based on the outcome of this process, Parks, Forestry and Recreation is recommending that the park located at 111 Anthony Road be named to "de Havilland "Mossie" Park".

### **RECOMMENDATION**

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**The General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation Division recommends that:**

1. North York Community Council adopt the name "de Havilland "Mossie" Park" for the park at 111 Anthony Road.

## **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

There are no financial implications resulting from the adoption of this report.

## **DECISION HISTORY**

At its meeting of March 25, 2015, Bid Committee granted authority to award Tender Call No. 327-2014 to Lomco Landscape Contractors Limited to complete park improvements at 111 Anthony Road including New Splash Pad, New Playground, New Mini Soccer Pitch, Walkway Connections, Sheltered Gathering Area and Related Park Upgrades. [BD18.7]

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2015.BD18.7>

At its meeting of June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2012, City Council authorized staff to enter into an agreement to exchange lands owned by the City for lands currently owned by the Toronto District School Board at 111 Anthony Road for the purpose of making a park available for the local community in an area that lacks green and open space. [EX20.12]

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2012.EX20.12>

## **COMMENTS**

The name "de Havilland "Mossie" Park" reflects the history of aviation in this area of the city. The "Mossie" is a nickname for the 'Mosquito', which was manufactured locally by de Havilland from 1942 to 1945.

This multi-role combat aircraft served in World War II in Europe and North Africa and was used by the Royal Canadian Air Force, Royal Air Force and U.S. Army Air Force.

A total of 1,133 Mosquitos were built by de Havilland Canada at Downsview Airfield in Downsview Ontario (now Downsview Park).

### **Public Consultation**

Parks, Forestry and Recreation staff developed a short list of potential names for the park at 111 Anthony Road in consultation with the local Councillor. This list included:

- Anthony Road Park: The informal name used for the property, this name relates to the fact that park is near Anthony Road and pays homage to the old Anthony Public School that is now the Aptus Treatment Centre (formerly Muki Baum Treatment Centre)
- Anthony Community Park: A hybrid proposal combining the name 'Anthony' with the word 'community'.

- Whitley Avenue Park: This geographic name reflects the fact that, while the municipal address is on Anthony Road, most of the park fronts onto Whitley Avenue.
- de Havilland "Mossie" Park: This name was proposed for the park by the Anthony Community Advisory Panel. It reflects the local aviation history of the neighbourhood.

The list of potential names was circulated to local residents by email and flyers delivered to neighbourhood homes. Residents were invited to provide feedback and to recommend a selection by email to [parks@toronto.ca](mailto:parks@toronto.ca) or by submitting written comments to Parks, Forestry and Recreation by mail or through the local Councillor's office. The Anthony Community Advisory Panel was also consulted on the potential names.

Written feedback was received from 50 residents. The plurality of responses, 22 residents, recommended the selection of "de Havilland "Mossie" Park". The general theme of the comments from these residents were that the name "honours the people who lived in Downsview and worked at the plant during the War" and/or that the name "would be a great way to acknowledge the aviation history of Downsview".

The remaining responses were split among the other three options. Comments in support of these names generally related to a desire to acknowledge the history of Anthony Road School that was formerly at this location or to adopt a more geographic name.

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## **SIGNATURE**

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