



**STAFF REPORT
ACTION REQUIRED**

**Proposed Official Naming of Future Park at 5-24
Wellesley Street West and 14-26 Breadalbane Street,
Ward 27**

Date:	September 16, 2016
To:	Toronto and East York Community Council
From:	General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation
Wards:	Ward 27 – Toronto Centre-Rosedale
Reference Number:	P:\2016\Cluster A\PFR\TE19-101316-AFS#23549

SUMMARY

This staff report is about a matter for which Community Council has delegated authority from City Council to make a final decision.

The Parks, Forestry and Recreation Division is recommending that the future park located at 5-24 Wellesley Street West and 14-26 Breadalbane Street, located on the southwest corner of the Wellesley Street West and St Luke Lane intersection, be officially named "Dr. Lillian McGregor Park".

The Parks, Forestry and Recreation Division has reviewed the policy criteria in the Council-approved *City of Toronto Property Naming Policy* and verifies that the proposed park name meets the criteria.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

1. Toronto and East York Community Council officially name the new park located at 5-24 Wellesley Street West and 14-26 Breadalbane Street, on the southwest corner of the Wellesley Street West and St Luke Lane intersection, "Dr. Lillian McGregor Park".

Financial Impact

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

DECISION HISTORY

At its meeting of July 7, 8 and 9, 2015, City Council adopted the Property Naming Policy with the effective date of October 2015.

City Council EX7.8, "Updated Policies for Naming City Streets and Properties"
<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2015.EX7.8>

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Dr. Lillian McGregor (1924-2012) was a dedicated nurse and Aboriginal leader who spent most of her life in Toronto. She was a leader in the Friendship Centre movement, a founding member of the Native Canadian Centre, as well as a board member of the Native Child and Family Services, the Aboriginal Advisory Council, Nishnawbe Homes, and Ontario's Aboriginal Healing and Wellness Strategy. Dr. McGregor was the First Aboriginal woman to be awarded an honorary doctorate from the University of Toronto and was the University's first Elder in Residence. She was widely recognized for her work in promoting Aboriginal culture and education and was awarded the City of Toronto Civic Award, National Aboriginal Achievement Lifetime Award and Order of Ontario for her outstanding work on a local and national scale.

Public Consultation

As part of the park naming process, Parks, Forestry and Recreation staff consulted with the local Councillor and local residents' groups to establish a shortlist of three park names: "Dr. Lillian McGregor" Park, "Miigwetch" Park (meaning 'thank you' in Anishinaabe) and "Aanii" Park (meaning 'hello' in Anishinaabe). Staff consulted with Chief R. Stacey LaForme of the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation to confirm the suitability of the words for park names.

Parks, Forestry and Recreation posted an online survey from July 26, 2016 to August 2, 2016 to provide the public with an opportunity to indicate their preferred choice of name. In total, 1,464 votes were submitted as part of the naming exercise and were distributed as follows: Dr. Lillian McGregor Park (1,206 votes), Aanii Park (139 votes), and Miigwetch Park (119 votes).

Parks, Forestry and Recreation staff have exercised due diligence in ensuring the naming process meets the criteria set out in the Council-approved *Property Naming Policy*. The proposed official name "Dr. Lillian McGregor Park" is supported by the local Councillor and meets the policy criteria in the *Property Naming Policy* in that it is an honourific naming which recognizes the significant positive contributions made by an individual to

the City of Toronto. Written consent for the honourific naming has been received from Dr. Lillian McGregor's representatives.

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