



John Tory
Mayor

Date: September 27, 2017
To: City Council
From: Mayor John Tory
Re: Naming of Public Properties After Former Members of Council

Summary:

Sadly, in this term of Council, we have witnessed the passing of three Members of City Council: former Mayor Rob Ford, Deputy Mayor Pam McConnell, and Councillor Ron Moeser.

This report addresses the naming of public properties after these three Members of Council, in recognition of their service to the residents of Toronto.

The Ford, McConnell and Moeser families have been consulted and agree with the approaches outlined here.

Recommendations:

The Mayor recommends that:

1. City Council rename the stadium at Centennial Park as the 'Rob Ford Memorial Stadium'.
2. City Council support the Mayor's approach to identify appropriate recognitions for Deputy Mayor Pam McConnell and Councillor Ron Moeser.

Financial Impact

The cost and installation of new signage at the Centennial Park stadium will be accommodated within the Council-approved operating budget of Parks, Forestry and Recreation.

The Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer has reviewed this report and agrees with the financial impact information.

Comments:

Mayor Rob Ford

A lifelong Etobicoke resident, Councillor Ford was first elected to Toronto City Council on November 13, 2000, as Councillor for Ward 2, Etobicoke North. He quickly became known for his unique approach to public service.

After serving 10 years as Councillor, he won the 2010 municipal election and was sworn in as Toronto's 64th Mayor. In October 2014, former Mayor Ford was re-elected as Councillor for Ward 2.

Councillor Ford's community involvement went well beyond politics. He was passionate about the game of football and founded the Newtonbrook North Stars football team in 1999. In 2002, Councillor Ford founded the highly successful football program at Don Bosco Catholic Secondary School. He also established the Rob Ford Football Foundation, a program that helps fund football programs in high schools across the city.

In light of his many years of work on football programs in Etobicoke, it is fitting that City Council should re-name the football stadium at Centennial Park the 'Rob Ford Memorial Stadium'. The Ford family, and the local councillor have been consulted and agree with the change.

Deputy Mayor Pam McConnell

First elected as a school trustee in 1982, Pam was well known as an advocate for children living in poverty.

She was elected to City Council in 1994, where she continued her advocacy for children and people living in poverty. She oversaw the opening of the Wellesley Community Centre, the first community centre in Toronto since amalgamation. She also oversaw the revitalization of Regent Park and that flourishing community is now a proud legacy she has left for this city.

Pam served as the Chair of the Toronto Police Services Board where she worked to bring community policing back to the City's neighbourhoods. And she represented Toronto at the Board of Directors of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities where she encouraged and supported women seeking municipal office.

In 2014, Pam was named Deputy Mayor, responsible for leading Toronto's Poverty Reduction Strategy. The strategy she helped to craft will ensure more people prosper, more families are supported and more children have opportunities here in Toronto.

In consultation with the McConnell family, the Mayor will convene a panel of interested councillors and members of the community, in order to determine a suitable public property for re-naming in memory of Pam McConnell. The Mayor will report back to Council at a future date with the panel's recommendation.

Councillor Ron Moeser

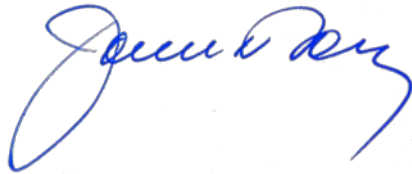
Councillor Ron Moeser was a long-serving City of Toronto Councillor for Ward 44, Scarborough East who served the residents of the City of Scarborough prior to Toronto's amalgamation in 1998.

Fiercely dedicated to municipal politics and to his constituents, Ron strived to implement changes to enhance the quality of life for many while dutifully serving the people of Toronto.

He was instrumental in the creation of Rouge Park and his legacy will be the preservation of the Rouge Valley for future generations to enjoy. He was also heavily involved in the development and expansion of the Scarborough Waterfront Trail, and he served for many years on the Toronto Region Conservative Authority.

In consultation with the Moeser family, the Mayor will convene a panel of interested councillors and members of the community, in order to determine a suitable public property for re-naming in memory of Ron Moeser. The Mayor will report back to Council at a future date with the panel's recommendation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John Tory". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and a long, sweeping tail.

Mayor John Tory