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Date: April 25, 2017  
To: Members of Etobicoke York Community Council  
From: Councillor Mark Grimes  
Subject: Request to name Connorvale Park Clubhouse the "Steve "Whitey" Breitner Clubhouse"

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**SUMMARY:**

I am requesting City Council approve naming the clubhouse used by the Etobicoke Rangers players at Connorvale Park the "Steve "Whitey" Breitner Clubhouse", in honour of Steve Breitner, legendary baseball pitcher, manager and volunteer in Etobicoke.

Steve, nicknamed "Whitey" after New York Yankees Hall of Fame pitcher Whitey Ford, began his storied baseball career in the Queensway Minor Baseball Association, played professionally for eleven years, and has coached players and managed teams successfully for the last 25 years. In 1976, he was selected the Most Valuable Player of the Leaside Junior League with a pitching record of 13-2, and he had over 100 wins and over 1,000 strikeouts over his eleven-year senior baseball career.

In recognition of his achievements and contributions to amateur baseball in Etobicoke, Toronto and Ontario, in 2013 Steve was inducted into the Ontario Baseball Association Hall of Fame. He was also inducted into the Central Ontario Baseball Association Major Hall of Fame in 2010.

Over the past 25 years, Whitey has spent countless hours and days at the ballpark. His outgoing personality, tremendous knowledge and passion for baseball, along with his core values as a person, have positively impacted the players that have come up through the Rangers system. He has been at the forefront of many fundraising initiatives over the years in an effort to help reduce overall team costs, making it affordable for players to play the game they love.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

City Council approve the naming of the Connorvale Park Clubhouse the "Steve "Whitey" Breitner Clubhouse".

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Mark Grimes  
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Ward 6, Etobicoke-Lakeshore