

City Council

Notice of Motion

MM35.3	ACTION			Ward:15
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Request for Report on Feasibility of Re-naming of Rajah Park - by Councillor Josh Colle, seconded by Councillor James Pasternak

** Notice of this Motion has been given.*

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

Recommendations

Councillor Josh Colle, seconded by Councillor James Pasternak, recommends that:

1. City Council direct the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation to investigate the feasibility of renaming "Rajah Park" to "Elijah Park" and to report back to the North York Community Council with a recommendation based on the criteria and process outlined in the Property Naming Policy.

Summary

Nearly two years ago, tragedy struck the Neptune community with the passing of 3-year-old Elijah Marsh, who had wandered out of his apartment on a bitterly cold February morning. He was reported missing and soon neighbours and the entire City came together to find him. Elijah was found, but sadly he did not make it.

This story had a profound effect on our community and every Torontonians. Many residents would like to honour Elijah's life. In 2015, a new playground was built in Rajah Park, located next to the Neptune community where Elijah spent many days playing. His family and the local community believe that renaming the park in his honour is the perfect way to celebrate his life and the Neptune community's resiliency. My office has canvassed local residents and received overwhelming support for this proposal.

Background Information (City Council)

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