

City Council**Notice of Motion**

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Request for Report on the Feasibility of Naming East York Hydro Building as the Jack Christie Building - by Councillor Janet Davis, seconded by Councillor Mary Fragedakis

** Notice of this Motion has been given.*

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

Recommendations

Councillor Janet Davis, seconded by Councillor Mary Fragedakis, recommends that:

1. City Council direct the General Manager, Facilities Management to investigate the feasibility of naming the former East York Hydro Commission Building, located at 175 Memorial Park Avenue, as the Jack Christie Building and to report back to the May 2, 2018 Toronto and East York Community Council meeting with a recommendation based on the criteria and process outlined in the Property Naming Policy.

Summary

Prior to amalgamation, the East York Hydro Commission was located at 175 Memorial Park Avenue, in a building currently managed by Facilities Management and used by Toronto Public Health. We are seeking a staff report on naming this building after the highly respected, long serving, last East York Hydro Commissioner, Mr. Jack Christie.

Mr. Jack Christie was the longest serving Hydro Commissioner in East York history. He was elected to the East York Hydro Commission in 1967 and served as Chair for sixteen years. In 1993, East York Councillors appointed him to the Hydro Commission again. In 1994 he was re-elected to this position and he served as Hydro Commissioner until 1997 when East York was amalgamated into the City of Toronto.

Mr. Christie was a prominent and well-respected public servant and an engaged community resident. In addition to his work at the Hydro Commission Mr. Christie was also: Chair, East York Planning Board; President, Ontario Municipal Electric Association District 4; Founding Secretary and later President, East York Federation of Ratepayers Associations; Chair, Ontario Minor Hockey Association; and Secretary, Toronto Softball League, the St. Clair YMCA Senior Softball League, the Beaches Ladies Softball League, and the Beaches Major Fastball League.

He also received many awards of merit including: Canadian Confederation Medal; East York Bulldog award for Outstanding Service to the Community; Sportsman of the Year; Kiwanian of the Year; Mel Osborne Fellowship Award; Toronto East General Hospital Mayor's Special Donor's Club; and he received his Diamond Lapel Pin for more than 50 years of service to the Ontario Minor Hockey Association.

The request is supported by his family, many community organizations and individuals. In light of Jack Christie's many accomplishments and outstanding service to the people of East York, we are writing to ask for your support for this Motion.

Background Information (City Council)

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