

City Council

Notice of Motion

MM41.19	ACTION			Ward:23
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Naming of Community Room at Goulding Community Centre - by Councillor John Filion, seconded by Councillor Joe Mihevc

** 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 John Filion, seconded by Councillor Joe Mihevc, recommends that:

1. City Council approve the name "Brant Snow Viewing Gallery" for the viewing gallery that overlooks the arena at Goulding Community Centre.

Summary

At its meeting held on December 5, 6, 7 and 8, 2017, City Council directed staff to investigate the feasibility of naming the viewing gallery at Goulding Community Centre the "Brant Snow Viewing Gallery".

Brant Snow was an extraordinary Willowdale resident who set the standard for sports volunteers across the City. Brant spent half a century as the driving force behind the Goulding Park Hockey Association and also served as President of the North York Rangers Junior "A" hockey team. He was active with the Greater Toronto Hockey League and cofounded the Goulding Park Baseball Association, helping to rejuvenate kids' baseball in North York. In his early years of Goulding Park, Brant could be found at all hours of the night flooding the outdoor rink. Under Brant's leadership, and with tremendous support from his wife Dianne and other volunteers, the Goulding Park Hockey Association operated the arena snack bar to raise tens of thousands of dollars for children's sports and to pay for the construction of a spectator room overlooking the ice. Brant shied away from accepting any honours for his achievements, always preferring to credit the other volunteers.

In their review, staff have confirmed that the viewing gallery is an appropriate asset for honourific naming and have undertaken community consultation to confirm that the proposed name is supported by local residents and users of the Community Centre. Since Brant's passing was only 15 months ago, Council approval of the naming is required.

Background Information (City Council)

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