

City Council

Motion without Notice

MM44.120	ACTION			Ward:All
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Naming of Public Property after the late Deputy Mayor Pam McConnell moved by Councillor Paula Fletcher, seconded by Mayor John Tory

** This Motion has been deemed urgent by the Chair.*

** This Motion is not subject to a vote to waive referral. This Motion has been added to the agenda and is before Council for debate.*

Recommendations

Councillor Paula Fletcher, seconded by Mayor John Tory, recommends that:

1. City Council approve the naming of the City's Aquatic Centre in Regent Park in honour of the late Deputy Mayor Pam McConnell.
2. City Council request the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation to ensure that the name "Pam McConnell Aquatic Centre" is displayed prominently on the facades of the building.
3. City Council request the Deputy City Manager, Internal Corporate Services to identify a suitable location at the Aquatic Centre for a bench and commemorative statue of the late Deputy Mayor McConnell.

Summary

At its meeting held October 2, 3 and 4, 2017 City Council endorsed Mayor Tory's approach to identify a appropriate recognition for Deputy Mayor Pam McConnell.

In a follow up letter Mayor Tory requested Ward 30 Councillor Paula Fletcher to develop a process to gather input from the community and the McConnell to identify a suitable public place to rename in memory of the late Deputy Mayor.

Following City Council and the Mayor's direction, and after speaking with the family, it was determined that a suitable site in Regent Park would be selected. Further consultation was undertaken with many stakeholders in the Regent Park community who loved her dearly and worked closely with our late Deputy Mayor McConnell.

The overwhelming decision was to rename the Aquatic Centre. From its outset the revitalization of Regent Park was the signature work of then Councillor Pam McConnell who championed the transformation of this Toronto Community Housing Corporation community,

leading the process through its many hurdles at the City, moving into the community at River and Parliament, working to build community capacity and community supports for the new Regent Park. This included the construction of the long sought after Aquatic Centre to support the revitalized Regent Park Community. She also took steps to ensure that it became a priority centre, a recreation model which she fiercely defended and advanced.

This Motion is urgent as this month marks the one year anniversary of the untimely passing of Deputy Mayor McConnell and as the Council who served with Deputy Mayor McConnell, it is only fitting that we honour her at our last meeting of the term.

Background Information (City Council)

Member Motion MM44.120