

Proposed Official Naming of Two Future Parks at 190 and 250 Manor Road East, Ward 22

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To: Toronto and East York Community Council

From: General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation

Wards: Ward 22 - St. Paul's

SUMMARY

This staff report is about a matter for which Community Council has delegated authority from City Council to make a final decision.

The Parks, Forestry and Recreation Division is recommending that the future park located at 190 Manor Road East be officially named "Manor Community Green".

The Parks, Forestry and Recreation Division is recommending that the future park located at 250 Manor Road East be officially named "Cudmore Creek Park" and that the playground within this park be officially named "Mona Piper Playground".

The Parks, Forestry and Recreation Division has reviewed the policy criteria in the Council-approved *City of Toronto Property Naming Policy* and verifies that the proposed park name meets the criteria.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation recommends that:

1. Toronto and East York Community Council officially name the future park located at 190 Manor Road East "Manor Community Green";
2. Toronto and East York Community Council officially name the future park located at 250 Manor Road East "Cudmore Creek Park"; and
3. Toronto and East York Community Council officially name the new playground within the future park located at 250 Manor Road East "Mona Piper Playground".

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There are no financial impacts resulting from the adoption of this report.

DECISION HISTORY

At its meeting of July 7, 8 and 9, 2015, through EX7.8, City Council adopted the *Property Naming Policy* with the effective date of October 2015.

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2015.EX7.8>

COMMENTS

Public Consultation

As part of the park naming process, Parks, Forestry and Recreation staff consulted with the local Councillor to establish a shortlist of three names for each park and the playground.

Parks, Forestry and Recreation then posted an online survey from January 12, 2018 to January 26, 2018 to provide the public with an opportunity to indicate their preferred name choices.

The shortlisted names and vote distribution for the future park at 190 Manor Road East were as follows:

Name	Number of Votes Received
'Manor Community Green' (symbolizing a local community gathering place)	79
'Serenity Park' (symbolizing a relaxed place in the middle of a busy midtown neighbourhood)	30
'The Crown Green Park' (referencing the former lawn bowling club on the site, as the Crown Green refers to a type of bowl and green with a convex shape)	52

The shortlisted names and vote distribution for the future park at 250 Manor Road East were as follows:

Name	Number of Votes Received
'Cudmore Creek Park' (referencing a local creek which now runs underground)	76
'Forman Park' (referencing the adjacent street name, Forman Avenue)	47
'United Park' (referencing the adjacent Manor Road United Church and symbolizing the site as a community gathering place)	42

The shortlisted names for the playground at 250 Manor Road East were as follows:

Name	Number of Votes Received
'Manor Road Playground' (referencing the adjacent street name, Manor Road)	25
'Mona Piper Playground' (paying homage to Mona Piper, Toronto's longest-serving crossing guard who has helped to keep children safe for 43 years)	136
'United Playground' (referencing the adjacent Manor Road United Church and symbolizing the play area as a community gathering place)	15

Parks, Forestry and Recreation staff have exercised due diligence in ensuring the naming process meets the requirements set out in the Council-approved *Property Naming Policy*. The proposed names 'Cudmore Creek Park' and 'Manor Community Green' meet the criteria in the *Property Naming Policy* in that they have local geographic significance. The proposed name 'Mona Piper Playground' meets the criteria in the *Property Naming Policy* in that it is an honourific naming which recognizes the significant positive contributions made by an individual to the City of Toronto. All three proposed names are supported by the local Councillor.

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