

## **Request to name the staircase and greenspace adjacent to Deer Park Junior and Senior Public School in honour of Jeffrey E. Mann**

**Date:** June 12, 2018

**To:** Toronto and East York Community Council

**From:** General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation

**Wards:** Ward 22 - St. Paul's

### **SUMMARY**

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This staff report is about a matter that Community Council has delegated authority to make a final decision, provided that it is consistent with the Property Naming Policy.

On April 4, 2018, an application was received to name the staircase located at the end of Heath Street East, to honour Jeffrey E. Mann. Parks, Forestry, and Recreation has reviewed the proposal, and acknowledges Jeffrey Mann's contributions made to his students and neighbourhood, however, this proposal does not meet a requirement in the Council-approved Property Naming Policy, specifically section 3.8.7, "Criteria to Name or Rename a City Property" which indicates: "Names of recent events or recently deceased individual may be considered after two years". Mr. Mann passed away September 2, 2016, therefore this request cannot be recommended by the Division.

Parks, Forestry and Recreation recommends that this report be received for information. Community Council may bring the naming proposal forward at such time when the proposal is in compliance with all of the criteria set out in the Property Naming Policy and not require approval by City Council; or, Community Council may bring forward the naming proposal through a recommendation to City Council requesting an exception to the Property Naming Policy.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

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

1. Toronto and East York Community Council receive this report for information.

## **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

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

## **DECISION HISTORY**

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There is no decision history related to this matter.

## **COMMENTS**

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An application was received from a member of the public to name the staircase located at the end of Heath Street East to honour Jeffrey E. Mann, a beloved and devoted teacher.

For more than 10 years, Jeffrey E. Mann was a devoted and beloved teacher and coach at Deer Park Junior and Senior Public School. He not only taught physical education, but more importantly motivated hundreds of students to work through difficulties and realize their potential. He instilled values of good citizenship, self-respect and appreciation of community.

### Public Consultation

In accordance with the City of Toronto, Property Naming Policy, Parks, Forestry and Recreation staff produced and posted a temporary sign in the park advising the local community and park users of the request to name the staircase and greenspace the Jeffrey E. Mann Landing. The sign requested that anyone interested should send comments and feedback via email to [parksnaming@toronto.ca](mailto:parksnaming@toronto.ca). Parks, Forestry and Recreation did not receive any objections to this naming request.

Community consultation demonstrated and Parks, Forestry, and Recreation acknowledges the significant contributions Jeffrey Mann made to the Deer Park school community, however, this proposal does not meet a requirement in the Council - approved Property Naming Policy, specifically section 3.8.7, "Criteria to Name or Rename a City Property" which indicates: "Names of recent events or recently deceased individual may be considered after two years". As Mr. Mann passed away September 2, 2016, this request cannot be recommended by the Division.

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## **SIGNATURE**

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