



REPORT FOR ACTION

Proposed Official Naming of Future Park on Cleanside Road, Scarborough

Date: May 28, 2019
To: Scarborough Community Council
From: General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation
Wards: 20 - Scarborough Southwest

SUMMARY

This report recommends the naming of a new park on Cleanside Road, a matter for which Community Council has delegated authority from City Council to make a final decision.

The Parks, Forestry and Recreation Division (PFR) is recommending that the future park located on Cleanside Road, be officially named "GEC0 Park".

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. Scarborough Community Council officially name the future park located on Cleanside Road in Scarborough "GEC0 Park".

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, City Council adopted the Property Naming Policy with the effective date of October 2015.

COMMENTS

PFR staff propose the new park on Cleanside Road shall be named "GEC Co Park". This name has historical significance as it is located near the site of a former WWII munitions plant, General Engineering Company (Canada) Ltd, locally known as "GEC Co" (pronounced "Gee-ko"). The park is part of the new subdivision being developed at 743 Warden Avenue in Scarborough. This new park will include planting areas, a shade structure, permeable paved pathways, playground area and climbing boulders. The park will be completed by early summer 2019. The local Councillor supports the name and it is in compliance with the Council approved "Property Naming Policy".

Public Consultation:

As part of the park naming process, PFR staff consulted with the local Councillor to establish a shortlist of three park names. PFR staff have exercised due diligence in ensuring the naming process meets the requirements set out in the Council-approved Property Naming Policy. The proposed official name "GEC Co Park" meets the criteria in the Property Naming Policy. Public consultation is required where the proposed property name is honorific in nature, in this case honouring a historically significant site nearby. The local Councillor posted an online survey from April 9 to April 19, 2019 to provide the public with an opportunity to indicate their preferred name choices: "GEC Co Park" (referencing the WWII munitions plant located adjacent to and north of the site, known locally as GEC Co,) received 75% of the vote, "Fusilier Park" (named after the GEC Co staff newsletter used during WWII) received 20% of the vote, and "Cleaside Park" (referencing the park's location) received 5% of the vote. PFR staff recommend that the new park be named GEC Co Park.

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