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Date: June 2, 2022  
 To: Scarborough Community Council  
 Re: Memorial for Grant Faulkner

Recommendation:

1. Scarborough Community Council request the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation to report in Q1 2023 on establishing a permanent memorial in Scarborough honouring Grant Faulkner’s memory, such as a parkette in his name.

In June 2018, City Council adopted to implement the 29 recommendations in the Coroner's Jury Inquest into the death of Grant Faulkner. Four years have passed, and the City has implemented recommendations and continues to advance to support those experiencing homelessness in our City.

Grant Faulkner, who was 49 years of age and a father of three, passed away in January 2015 in a plywood shelter that caught fire during sub-zero temperatures. The official cause of death was smoke inhalation.

Recommendation No. 6 of the Coroner’s Jury Inquest spoke on the establishment of a memorial for Grant Faulkner. A memorial is critical in raising awareness of Grant Faulkner's tragic death and the importance of prevention. Unfortunately, people continued to die in a similar manner.

The Coroner’s Jury Inquest recommendations have had a significant impact on how we today address and continue to learn to adapt to the needs of our most vulnerable residents. Recommendations 18 and 27, speak on the need for coordinated data collection. Implemented by the City of Toronto it has become increasingly useful, impacting our decisions on programming, staffing and funding. The Federation of Municipal Municipalities (FCM), is also reviewing data collection as a nationwide requirement.

I look forward to your support in requesting Parks Forestry and Recreation to report back in 2023, providing options for a memorial to honour Grant Faulkner and those who have sadly perished on our City streets.

Your support is much appreciated

Sincerely,

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Jury Verdict and Recommendations, Inquest Touching the death of Grant Faulkner  
<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2018/mm/bgrd/backgroundfile-117800.pdf>  
 2018.MM43.30 - Coroner's Jury Inquest Recommendations for the Homeless - by Councillor Paul Ainslie  
<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2018.MM43.30>  
[Deaths of People Experiencing Homelessness – City of Toronto](#)  
 2019.EC7.10 - Implementation of Coroner's Recommendations from the Faulkner and Chapman Inquests  
<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2019.EC7.10>

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