

City Council

Notice of Motion

MM13.11	ACTION			Ward: 2
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Renaming the Stadium at Centennial Park - by Councillor Paul Ainslie, seconded by Councillor Shelley Carroll

** Notice of this Motion has been given.*

** This Motion is subject to referral to the Etobicoke York Community Council. A two-thirds vote is required to waive referral.*

Recommendations

Councillor Paul Ainslie, seconded by Councillor Shelley Carroll, recommends that:

1. Despite the provisions of the City of Toronto Naming Policy, City Council rename the stadium at Centennial Park as the "Rob Ford Stadium".
2. City Council direct the Acting General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation to undertake the necessary design and installation of replacement facility and wayfinding signage, waiving the provisions of the City of Toronto Property Naming Policy.

Summary

Rob Ford served on Toronto City Council for nearly 15 years, serving as the Councillor for Etobicoke North for 10 years, and as Mayor for 4 years. Sadly, shortly after being re-elected as a City Councillor in 2014, Rob Ford passed away.

Historically, the City of Toronto has recognized former Mayors with commemorative renamings which honour their service and spirit. For example, Mel Lastman Square at the North York Civic Centre, Barbara Hall Park, and June Rowlands Park.

All of those who served with Rob Ford on Council knew that he had two passions – representing his constituents not only across the city but in particular in his home community of Etobicoke, and football.

As Centennial Park undergoes a significant reimagining through the Centennial Park Master Plan, approved by City Council in 2021, the time is appropriate to consider renaming the Centennial Park Stadium the 'Rob Ford Stadium' in recognition of his decade and a half of public service.

Background Information (City Council)

Member Motion MM13.11