

Request to name Stan Wadlow Park Baseball Diamond #1 to "Harry MacAloney Field"

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To: Toronto East York Community Council

From: Janie Romoff, General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation

Wards: 19 - Toronto East York

SUMMARY

On September 9, 2019 an application was submitted to the Strategic Partnerships division (formerly referred to as the Toronto Office of Partnerships) requesting to name baseball diamond #1 at Stan Wadlow Park to Harry MacAloney Field. Baseball diamond #1 is the largest baseball diamond at the park, situated in the north-east corner of the park. The results of the public consultation survey determined that the majority of respondents were in favour of the naming.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

1. Toronto East York Community Council adopt the naming of the baseball diamond field #1, located at 373 Cedarvale Ave. to Harry MacAloney Field.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The costs associated with the production and installation of the new park sign are included in the 2023 Council Approved Operating Budget for Parks, Forestry and Recreation.

The Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer has reviewed this report and agrees with the financial implications as identified in the Financial Impact section.

DECISION HISTORY

At its meeting on July 19, 2022 City Council authorized staff to process naming and renaming applications received prior to October 1, 2020, using the criteria in the City of Toronto Street Naming Policy and the City of Toronto Property Naming Policy adopted by City Council in July 2015 in Item EX7.8 Updated Policies for Naming City Streets and Properties.

<https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2022.EX34.6>

COMMENTS

Harry MacAloney was a dedicated community volunteer for over 25 years assisting, coaching, and mentoring hundreds of youth and coaches in both the East York and Toronto baseball community. He was a long-standing volunteer of the East York Baseball Association and was highly regarded for his focus, hard-work, honesty, and respect for the game of baseball. His dedication influenced many young baseball players to pursue further competitive baseball.

Naming baseball diamond #1 Harry MacAloney Field at Stan Wadlow Park recognizes Harry's extensive community service in providing coaching and mentorship to many young players who have played baseball at this diamond.

Public Consultation

In accordance with the 2015 City of Toronto Property Naming Policy, Parks, Forestry and Recreation staff produced and posted a temporary sign at Stan Wadlow Park from November 4 to 30, 2019 advising the local community and park users of the request to name baseball diamond #1. This temporary signage also included a QR code to the online survey and provided more information about the proposed renaming. The results of the survey determined that the majority (93 per cent) of respondents were in favour of naming diamond #1 Harry MacAloney Field.

City of Toronto Property Naming Policy

During the consideration of Item EX34.6 A New Commemorative Framework for the City of Toronto's Public Spaces, City Council authorized staff to process naming and renaming applications received prior to October 1, 2020, using the criteria in the City of Toronto Street Naming Policy and the City of Toronto Property Naming Policy adopted by City Council in July 2015 in Item EX7.8 Updated Policies for Naming City Streets and Properties. This naming application meets all criteria listed in the 2015 City of Toronto Property Naming Policy.

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