

City Council

Motion without Notice

MM17.11	ACTION			Ward: 14
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Renaming of Tiverton Avenue Parkette - by Councillor Paula Fletcher, seconded by Mayor Olivia Chow

** Notice of this Motion has not been given. A two-thirds vote is required to waive notice.
* This Motion is subject to referral to the Toronto and East York Community Council. A two-thirds vote is required to waive referral.
* This Motion has been deemed urgent by the Chair.*

Recommendations

Councillor Paula Fletcher, seconded by Mayor Olivia Chow, recommends that:

1. Despite the provisions of the City of Toronto Property Naming Policy, City Council approve the renaming of Tiverton Avenue Parkette to Caroline Huebner Parkette.

Summary

Born in Gdansk, Poland, on February 19, 1979, Karolina (Caroline) Huebner was single child of Jola and Peter Huebner. She immigrated to Canada from Poland in January 1988, residing in Scarborough, where she completed her high school degree at R. H. King Academy. She then went on to achieve her Bachelor of Arts at Trent University, her Bachelor of Education at Queens University, and her Master's in Education Technology at Concordia University.

She first taught computer classes in Toronto at Mary Ward High School and spent a few years teaching in Egypt and Turkey while also travelling throughout the Middle East and Southeast Asia. Upon returning to Canada, she made Montreal a temporary home while continuing to advance her professional career.

Caroline eventually returned to Toronto, moving to Riverside with her husband to grow and raise her family. She cherished the neighbourhoods of Riverside and Leslieville for their unique community of diverse neighbours and businesses. Her love for her two young daughters, the local parks/parkettes, and the many new friends she made in the area were evident from the comments residents shared about her, making her a true part of the community.

Tiverton Parkette was important to Caroline. It was a community space she frequented, being close to her home and providing a space for her to meet up with friends, family, and neighbours, and for her daughters to play. Renaming Tiverton Parkette to commemorate Caroline's memory is not just a fitting tribute but a testament to the unity and strength of the community.

For this renaming, residents were actively involved and consulted through a community petition. Over 570 signatures were collected, each symbolizing the shared commitment to

honouring Caroline's memory. A property naming application was submitted to Strategic Partnerships, and staff have advised that this naming is in alignment with the City's guiding principles for commemoration. A dedication ceremony and commemoration through the commemorative tree and bench program will be planned for this spring.

Reason for urgency: This motion is urgent as the name needs to be approved before the sign can be manufactured and the opening date, which was set to meet the needs of the family, has been set for early summer.

Background Information (City Council)

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