



July 3, 2025

## **Renaming of Balmoral Park to Michael Mostyn Park**

### **Recommendations**

- Notwithstanding the provisions of the City of Toronto Property Naming Policy, City Council approve the renaming of Balmoral Park to Michael Mostyn Park.

### **Summary**

In February 2025, the City of Toronto mourned the loss of Michael Mostyn, a devoted community leader and strong advocate for equity-deserving communities. He was widely recognized for championing human rights and supporting those in need. Following consultations with City staff, residents, community organizations, and family members, Balmoral Park was identified as a fitting location to honour his contributions to Toronto, Ontario, and Canada. Naming the park after Michael Mostyn would recognize his enduring legacy as a leading voice against antisemitism and hate, and his lifelong commitment to defending human rights and promoting justice, inclusivity, and Canadian pluralism.

Michael Mostyn joined B'nai Brith Canada, one of Canada's oldest human rights organizations, in 2006 and became its CEO in 2014. Under his leadership, the organization strengthened its role as a national advocate against antisemitism, expanded its support for marginalized communities, and enhanced its delivery of social services to vulnerable Canadians. He was widely respected for his work in building interfaith relationships, promoting Holocaust education, advancing equity and inclusion, and combating discrimination in all forms.

In recognition of his service to Canada, Mr. Mostyn was awarded the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal in 2012 and the King Charles III Coronation Medal in 2025.

Michael Mostyn's leadership and advocacy had a deep impact in Toronto, the city where he lived and worked for decades. He played a vital role in shaping public discourse around inclusion, equity, and justice for marginalized communities.

A property naming application was submitted to Strategic Partnerships and included over 90 letters from individuals and organizations across Toronto, expressing strong support for commemorating Michael Mostyn's legacy in a meaningful and lasting way.

Balmoral Park was endorsed by Michael Mostyn's family and local residents for its close connection to the community he served and called home. Renaming it "Michael Mostyn Park" would be a meaningful tribute to his life's work and a lasting reminder for current and future generations.



Parks and Recreation staff have confirmed that costs associated with the production and installation of the new park sign will be accommodated within the 2025 Approved Operating Budget for Parks and Recreation.

Sincerely,



**Councillor James Pasternak**

Toronto - Ward 6, York Centre

Chair, North York Community Council