

Naming a Path in Honour of Evelyn Green

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To: Toronto East York Community Council

From: General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation

Wards: Toronto-St. Paul's -12

SUMMARY

At the July 2022 City Council meeting, City Council adopted the Commemorative Framework to provide additional guidance to support members of the public, Elected Officials, and City staff when naming and renaming streets and City properties in a commemorative manner, and when considering proposals to develop new and review existing commemorative monuments.

Residents on Arlington submitted an application to the City Manager's Office to name a path in Cedarvale Park after Evelyn Green. Parks and Recreation, along with Economic Development and Culture Division, worked in collaboration with Strategic Partnerships and the local Councillor to consult with the family of Evelyn Green. As a result, a path within Cedarvale Park has been identified, located at 443 Arlington Ave, as the proposed park location to be named *Evelyn Green Way* in recognition of her life and lasting impact.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Interim General Manager, Parks and Recreation recommends that:

1. Toronto and East York Community Council adopt the naming of a park path within Cedarvale Park (adjacent to 529 Arlington Avenue) to Evelyn Green Way.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Funding for the costs associated with the production and installation of the new signage will be accommodated within the 2025 Operating Budget for Parks 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

City Council on July 19, 20, 21 and 22, 2022, adopted the following:

1. City Council adopt the City of Toronto Commemorative Framework, consisting of:
 - a. the Guiding Principles for Commemoration in Attachment 1 to the report (June 27, 2022) from the City Manager, as amended by Part 2 below:
 - b. the revised City of Toronto Street Naming Policy in Attachment 2 to the report (June 27, 2022) from the City Manager;
 - c. the revised City of Toronto Property Naming Policy in Attachment 3 to the report (June 27, 2022) from the City Manager; and
 - d. the revised City of Toronto Public Art and Monument Donations Policy in Attachment 4 to the report (June 27, 2022) from the City Manager.

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COMMENTS

The application to rename a path in Cedarvale Park in honour of resident Evelyn Green (1942-2020) highlights Green's achievements and community connections. Submitted materials include a brief biography, certificates, letters of recommendation from her professional career, and volunteer recognitions.

As described by the applicant, Evelyn Green arrived in Canada from Jamaica in 1962, settling in Toronto and pursuing post-secondary education at what is now Toronto Metropolitan University. She led a successful 25-year career with the Government of Canada, during which she established deep roots in the city, owning a home on Arlington Avenue, which backs onto Cedarvale Park.

Beyond her professional accomplishments, Green demonstrated a strong commitment to giving back to her community. The application describes how she volunteered her time at Castlview Wychwood Towers and St. Clair West Senior Services, contributing to the well-being of seniors in her neighbourhood. The application includes certificates of appreciation awarded to Green by the City of Toronto in 1999, 2004, and 2007 for her dedicated volunteer service at Castlview Wychwood Towers. In addition, the application outlines Green's support for international students by offering housing through a partnership with EC Toronto, a for-profit organization that offers English

language instruction and test preparation to help students access English-language universities and employment opportunities in Canada.

The application also includes community support. In 2022, the Toronto St-Paul's Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP) collected 60 signatures on a petition supporting the naming of the path parallel to Arlington Avenue in honour of Evelyn Green.

As the application details and City staff research confirms, Evelyn Green's contributions to the community reflect a commitment to active civic engagement and social responsibility.

Recommended Park

The path in question is an existing paved path within Cedarvale Park located at 443 Arlington Avenue. The path is accessible from Arlington Avenue and has been used by residents for vehicular access to rear garages. While classified as parkland as City-owned property, its current use and location make it a suitable candidate for commemoration through naming.

City of Toronto Property Naming Policy

Community Councils have delegated authority to decide property naming matters which comply with the City of Toronto Property Naming Policy.

Parks and Recreation consulted with Strategic Partnerships and Economic Development and Culture to ensure the naming met the criteria of the City of Toronto Property Naming Policy and was in alignment with the Guiding Principles for Commemoration. Considering that City staff advised that the naming meets all the criteria for the City of Toronto Property Naming Policy, staff recommend that the Council name the path located within Cedarvale Park to "Evelyn Green Way".

The proposed name was circulated for comment and is acceptable to Toronto Police Service, Toronto Fire Services, and Toronto Paramedic Services.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 - Map of Path

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Area circled in purple shows path location.

