

## **Naming a Park at 3780 Bloor Street West in Honour of Constable John Zivcic**

**Date:** June 17, 2026

**To:** Etobicoke York Community Council

**From:** General Manager, Parks and Recreation

**Wards:** 3 – Etobicoke-Lakeshore

### **SUMMARY**

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City Council adopted the Commemorative Framework at its July 2022 meeting. The Framework provides guidance to the public, Elected Officials, and City staff regarding the commemorative naming and renaming of streets and City properties, and the consideration of proposals for new and existing commemorative monuments.

The proposal seeks to name a new park at 3780 Bloor Street West as “Constable John Zivcic Park.” The proposal has received strong support from colleagues in Toronto Police Service 22 Division and a local community organization, recognizing Constable John Zivcic’s (1979–2013) dedication to public safety and community service.

Parks and Recreation, in collaboration with the Economic Development and Culture Division and Strategic Partnerships, reviewed the application. The review concluded that the naming proposal satisfies the criteria of the Property Naming Policy and aligns with the Guiding Principles for Commemoration.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

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The General Manager, Parks and Recreation recommends that:

1. Etobicoke York Community Council adopt the naming of a park at 3780 Bloor Street West as “Constable John Zivcic Park”.

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

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Funding for the costs associated with the production and installation of the new signage is accounted for in the capital budget to construct the new park.

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**

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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**

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This report recommends that Etobicoke York Community Council approve the naming of the new park located at 3780 Bloor Street West as “Constable John Zivcic Park.” The proposed name commemorates Constable John Zivcic (1979–2013), a Toronto Police Service officer who died in the line of duty and is recognized for his service to public safety and the Etobicoke community.

The matter is before Community Council in accordance with its delegated authority under the City of Toronto Property Naming Policy, following a review confirming that the proposal meets all policy criteria and aligns with the City's Guiding Principles for Commemoration.

### **Commemorative Rationale**

The Economic Development and Culture Division (EDC) reviewed the application, which includes a biography, documentation of community engagement, and letters of support. Staff have verified the information provided and assessed the proposal in accordance with the City's Guiding Principles for Commemoration.

Constable John Zivcic died in the line of duty on December 2, 2013, while serving as a traffic enforcement officer in 22 Division in Etobicoke. During his six years of service, he was regarded by colleagues as a dedicated officer with a strong commitment to community safety.

The application and staff research highlight Constable Zivcic's involvement in local programs and his work supporting youth and building positive relationships between police and community members. He was also recognized for acts of compassion outside of his official duties. In 2009, he received a commendation after providing life-saving assistance to an individual in an accident while off duty, including administering first aid and ensuring access to medical care.

### **Community Support**

The application includes evidence of community support, including a petition primarily signed by members of 22 Division, as well as letters from senior 22 Division Toronto Police Service officials. A submission from the Islington Ratepayer and Residents Association indicates strong support among its membership. Together, these materials demonstrate broad recognition of Constable Zivcic's contributions and lasting impact.

### **Recommended Park**

The proposed name applies to a new 2,210 m<sup>2</sup> park located at 3780 Bloor Street West. The park is part of a group of new parks being created through the Six Points Interchange Reconfiguration project, which realigned portions of Kipling Avenue, Bloor Street West, and Dundas Street West. The reconfiguration has enabled the creation of four new park sites and several development parcels.

The park is currently in the construction procurement phase, with completion anticipated in Fall 2027.

### **Policy Alignment and Consultation**

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

Parks and Recreation, in consultation with EDC and Strategic Partnerships, has confirmed that the proposed naming meets the policy criteria and aligns with the City's commemorative principles. Relevant City divisions and emergency services, including Toronto Police Service, Toronto Fire Services, and Toronto Paramedic Services, have reviewed the proposal and raised no concerns.

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## **SIGNATURE**

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## **ATTACHMENTS**

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Attachment 1 – Rendering of Park Location at 3780 Bloor Street West

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