

NOTICE OF MOTION

Renaming a City Park in Honour of Daniel Stopnicki

Moved by: Councillor Mike Colle

Seconded by: Councillor James Pasternak

SUMMARY:

Daniel Stopnicki was a beloved resident of Eglinton-Lawrence who was tragically killed in April 2026. He was a beloved husband, a cherished son, a dear brother, and a great companion. He was a dedicated teacher and mentor who was beloved and respected by those who knew him.

Daniel is remembered as an enthusiastic and ambitious innovator in real time interactive media, leading numerous exciting companies as Chief Technology and Innovation Officer, and as a dedicated teacher and mentor to many students during his time as a professor and coordinator at Seneca Polytechnic and Centennial College.

In his own neighbourhood, Daniel was a beloved and admired member of his community and was a local hero championing a grassroots campaign to create an off-leash park for his human and canine friends.

Daniel's father, Roberto, was a longtime City of Toronto employee, serving as a Director in the Transportation Services Division.

To honour Daniel's memory and his love for his local parks and neighbours, we propose studying options to name a suitable local park asset, where appropriate, in Daniel's memory. My office will work with local residents and Parks and Recreation staff to work within the city's Commemorative Framework.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. City Council request the General Manager, Parks & Recreation, to review and present recommendations to the local Councillor's office for the renaming of a City-owned park asset in honour of Daniel Stopnicki in alignment with the City's Property Naming Policy, with a subsequent report to North York Community Council in 2027.

Date: July 20, 2026