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Toronto and East York Community Council
100 Queen Street W
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RE: Renaming Tichester Park in Honour of Hedy Bohm

Dear Chair and Members of Toronto and East York Community Council,

This letter is to support the renaming of Tichester Park, located at 27 Tichester Road, to Hedy Bohm Park, in recognition of Hedy Bohm's extraordinary life and enduring contributions to Holocaust education, community building, and anti-discrimination work across Toronto.

Born in Romania in 1926, Hedy immigrated to Toronto in 1949 after surviving the Holocaust, including imprisonment at Auschwitz. A resident of Tichester Road since 1992, she has deep roots in the local community and has inspired generations through her advocacy, education, and compassion.

Renaming Tichester Park in her honour would provide a meaningful and lasting tribute to Ms. Bohm's contributions. It would also serve as a place of reflection and learning within the community, reinforcing the City of Toronto's commitment to inclusivity, remembrance, and the recognition of individuals who have made significant contributions to the City.

A property naming application was submitted to Strategic Partnerships, accompanied by letters from individuals and organizations across Toronto, Canada, and internationally, demonstrating strong support for the proposed renaming.

Parks and Recreation staff have confirmed that costs associated with the production and installation of the new park sign will be accommodated within the 2026 Approved Operating Budget for Parks and Recreation.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that:

1. Despite the provisions of the City of Toronto Naming Policy, City Council approve the renaming of the Tichester Park at 27 Tichester Road Street as Hedy Bohm Park.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Josh Matlow". The signature is stylized and fluid.

Councillor Josh Matlow