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Dear Chair and Members,

Re: Naming 144 Stephenson Avenue Park in Honour of Gene Domagala

BACKGROUND:

This motion requests City Council approve the naming of a new park located at 144 Stephenson Ave. in honour of Gene Domagala, a longtime Beaches—East York resident whose extraordinary record of community service, volunteerism, and local leadership has had a lasting impact on the city.

Gene Domagala is widely respected and cherished throughout the Beaches—East York community. Over the years, Mr. Domagala's contributions have been well documented through countless stories shared by residents, community publications and local media. For decades, he has dedicated his time and energy to various community initiatives. His commitment to helping others has earned him a reputation as the unofficial "Mayor of the Beach," a testimony to the admiration and respect he has earned from residents across generations.

Mr. Domagala's contributions extend beyond volunteer service. He has played an important role in preserving and sharing the community's history. A passionate local historian, he has led numerous historical walking tours throughout the Beach, Main Street, and Danforth areas, helping residents and visitors gain a deeper appreciation of the rich cultural and historical heritage of Toronto's east end.

Mr. Domagala has also served on numerous local boards and volunteered extensively with local charitable organizations that directly support the community. Naming a park after Mr. Domagala would recognize his commitment to volunteerism and community-building, which has enriched the social fabric of Beaches—East York and the broader City of Toronto.

Community support for this commemorative naming proposal has been demonstrated through both online and in-person petition campaigns. Residents have expressed strong support for recognizing Mr. Domagala's contributions by naming a public space in his honour.

Naming a park in Gene Domagala's honour would recognize a lifetime dedicated to community service, celebrate the history and spirit of Beaches—East York, and ensure future generations understand the profound impact one individual can have through kindness and volunteerism.

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A property naming application was submitted to Strategic Partnerships, including documentation of community engagement expressing strong support for the naming and a completed consent form.

Parks and Recreation staff have confirmed that costs associated with the production and installation of the new park sign are provided for in the Base Park Improvements, which were secured through the Section 37 Agreement for 276-294 Main Street.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that:

1. Notwithstanding the provisions of the City of Toronto Property Naming Policy, City Council approve the naming of a new park located at 144 Stephenson Ave. to Gene Domagala Park.

Respectfully,

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Brad Bradford

Toronto City Councillor

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