

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE JUNE 21, 2004

FOREST FOUNTAIN PARK – PROPOSED RENAMING

Recommendation

The Commissioner of Community Services in consultation with the Manager of Parks Development recommends:

That Council provides direction with respect to renaming Forest Fountain Park in memory of Mrs. Tammy Breda.

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to obtain Council approval to rename Forest Fountain Park in memory of Mrs. Tammy Breda.

Background - Analysis and Options

The City of Vaughan received correspondence from members of the St. Andrew Catholic School community dated March 4, 2004 requesting that Forest Fountain Park be renamed in memory of Mrs. Tammy Breda (refer to Attachment 1).

The City of Vaughan's Policy (No. 04.3.08) for Renaming City Parks, Open Spaces, Community facilities and Other Municipal Buildings and Properties allows for name designation in honour of individuals or groups providing that any of the following criteria is demonstrated:

3.3 Criteria/Guidelines for Names Honouring Individuals or Groups

"Names for consideration shall be those of distinguished persons, organizations, corporations, foundations or the families:

- .1 where there has been a significant contribution to the quality of life, well-being of the City of Vaughan and is consistent with Vaughan Vision; or,
- .2 to memorialize or otherwise recognize substantial gifts and significant donors, individuals designed by donors, or individuals who have made exemplary or meritorious contributions to the City of Vaughan; or,
- .3 where there is a strong historical or cultural connection to the City and has made a major contribution to the historical or cultural preservation of the City; or,
- .4 where there is a strong contribution toward the environmental preservation, conservation or enhancement of the City; or,
- .5 where there is a major contribution made to the acquisition, development or conveyance of land or building, in question and/or its subsequent development; or,
- .6 where there is a direct relationship or association that exists between the place or former place of residence of the person or group and the facility/park/street to be named.

The Parks Development Division supports the renaming of Forest Fountain Park in memory of Mrs. Tammy Breda. It is evident that through her involvement with the St. Andrew Catholic School community, in addition the correspondence received demonstrated that Mrs. Breda had made a significant contribution to the quality of life and well being of the City of Vaughan and is consistent with Vaughan Vision.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2007

This report is consistent with the priorities previously set by Council and the necessary resources have been allocated and approved.

Conclusion

That Council considers and provides direction with respect to renaming Forest Fountain Park in memory of Mrs. Tammy Breda. If Council approves this report, Forest Fountain Park will be renamed "Tammy Breda Park".

Attachments

Attachment 1 – St. Andrew Catholic School Correspondence

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Respectfully submitted,

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March 4, 2004

Faith. Hope. Love. RE: Renaming of Forest Fountain Park in Dedication to the late Tammy Breda

To whom it may concern,

We are writing this letter to formally request the renaming of Forest Fountain Park in memory of our friend and colleague, Mrs. Tammy Breda. There are many reasons why this dedication is so fitting. Tammy was a beloved member of the St. Andrew community and staff and as a young enthusiastic grade four teacher in our school, Tammy's love for the children and our neighbourhood was very evident.

Tammy loved music and found inspiration in all of her surroundings. She often wrote music and poetry while sitting quietly in the park, pondering over her day.

As a professional, Tammy valued the outdoors as a source of energy and rejuvenation for her students. Many physical education and art classes were spent at Forest Fountain Park. This was a means to take education beyond the classroom and appreciate the so often neglected nature that surrounds us.

Tammy was an exceptional teacher, community member and friend. Her passing has left a void in the hearts of all those near and dear to the St. Andrew community. Renaming the park would enable her students to remember their teacher and the pleasant memories they had while she taught them at the park. In doing so, the City of Vaughan would recognize her relationship with the park, with nature and in a deeper sense with humanity. Therefore, we feel there would be no better tribute than to rename Forest Fountain Park in memory of Tammy Breda.

Sincerely,

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(Vice-Principal)

Lisa Prudent
(Teacher)

Oriana Soffiaturro
(Teacher)

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The goal of St. Andrew Catholic School is to provide for every student a high quality Catholic Education within a safe, secure, orderly and Christ Centred environment.

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