

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OCTOBER 4, 2004

PROMENADE PARK – PROPOSED RENAMING

Recommendation

The Commissioner of Community Services in consultation with Councillor Sandra Yeung Racco and the Manager of Parks Development recommends:

That Council approves changing the name of Promenade Park to Pierre Elliot Trudeau Park.

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to obtain Council approval to change the name of Promenade Park to Pierre Elliot Trudeau Park.

Background - Analysis and Options

This matter, Item 7, Report No. 54 was previously on the Council agenda of June 28, 2004. Item 7, Report No. 54, Committee of the Whole (Working Session) was adopted, as amended, by the Council of the City of Vaughan on June 28, 2004 with respect to changing the name of Promenade Park to Pierre Elliot Trudeau Park. The Council meeting at the June 28, 2004 meeting recommended that:

- This matter be referred to a future Committee of the Whole meeting; and
- That staff be directed to provide appropriate notification to area residents regarding the proposed name change.

Recently, a commemorative statue of the late Prime Minister Trudeau was erected in Promenade Park. This is the first statue of the late former Prime Minister in the world. Changing the name of the park would be reflective of the monument and encourage the preservation of an historical Canadian figure within the City of Vaughan.

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.

Public notification of the name change is not a requirement of the Policy for Naming City Parks, Open Spaces, Community Facilities and Other Municipal Buildings or Properties approved by Council April 27, 1998.

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. Renaming the park Pierre Elliot Trudeau Park may strengthen relationships with other government authorities and agencies.

Conclusion

That Council approves this proposal to change the name of Promenade Park to Pierre Elliot Trudeau Park. If Council approves this report, Promenade Park will be renamed " Pierre Elliot Trudeau Park".

Attachments

None

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Respectfully submitted,

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