

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – SEPTEMBER 5, 2006

BLUE COIN PARK – PROPOSED RENAMING

Recommendation

The Commissioner of Community Services in consultation with the Directors of Parks Development and Parks Operations and Forestry recommends:

That the request from the Locilento family to rename Blue Coin Park to Anthony Locilento Park be approved.

Economic Impact

There is no economical impact as the Locilento family will contribute \$5,000 for the supply and installation of three (3) new 911 emergency parks signs.

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to obtain Council approval to rename Blue Coin Park in memory of Mr. Anthony Locilento.

Background - Analysis and Options

The City of Vaughan received correspondence from Mr. Angelo Locilento, dated August 16, 2006 requesting that Blue Coin Park be renamed in memory of his son, Mr. Anthony Locilento (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 honor of individuals or groups providing that the individual meets any of the following criteria:

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.

Mr. Anthony Locilento resided in close proximity to Blue Coin Park and his family continues to take his children to this park to play. The Locilento family has made a generous donation of \$35,000 that will be utilized to add play equipment to this park. In addition, it is evident, through the correspondence, that Mr. Anthony Locilento made significant contributions to the quality of life, well-being of the City of Vaughan and the Woodbridge community.

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

Anthony Locilento and his family have volunteered their time with community projects; fundraising events in the City of Vaughan and most recently have contributed \$35,000 for the installation of additional playground equipment. For these reasons, staff recommends that Council approve this report to rename Blue Coin Park to "Anthony Locilento Park".

Attachments

Attachment "A" – Mr. Angelo Locilento Correspondence

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Respectfully submitted,

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Commissioner of Community Services

August 16, 2006

ATTACHMENT "A"

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Dear Mr. Gardener,

Further to our application to have the Blue Coin Park renamed after our late son Anthony Locilento, we wish to provide you with some of the reasons why.

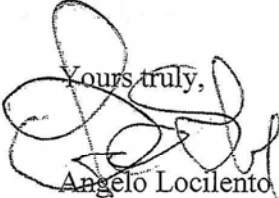
Our son Anthony had lived in the Woodbridge area for over 12 years and more specifically near the Blue Coin Park, it was in this park that he would bring his little daughter Angelina to play and pass many happy hours in the park.

Anthony, as part of the Locilento family was always involved in many community projects as a volunteer and with substantial financial contributions for children's programmes or fundraising events.

It is our wish to continue to bring our granddaughter to the park along with our other grandchildren, who live on Brownlee Avenue, only two streets away from the park, and for these reasons, we have made a \$40,000 donation to improve the children's playground.

It is our hope that council will approve our request to name the park "Anthony Locilento Park", which would honour us as a family and maintain Anthony's memory alive.

We look forward to a favourable decision.

Yours truly,

Angelo Locilento

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