

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – MAY 5, 2008

SUBTITLING CHALONE CRESCENT “MARCO’S WAY”

Recommendation

Councillor Tony Carella recommends that the Committee of the Whole :

1. receive the attached letter and accompanying petition signed by one hundred and fifty seven (157) residents of Chalone Crescent and other streets; and
2. That staff be directed to report back to the Committee of the Whole as soon as possible on the request by the residents of Chalone Crescent to the subtitling of Chalone Crescent as “Marco’s Way” (that such subtitling take the form of signs of standard size placed immediately below existing signs indicating Chalone Crescent).

Economic Impact

Nominal: the cost of one sign at either end of Chalone Crescent, plus installation.

Communication Plan

The Ward Councillor will inform the petitioners of the outcome of their efforts, and coordinate a brief ceremony commensurate with the wishes of the family of Marco Leggieri.

Purpose

To commemorate Marco Leggieri, who succumbed to cancer on his fifth birthday.

Background - Analysis and Options

The petitioners have specifically indicated that they do not wish to change the name of the street, only honour the memory of a child who lived on the street by means of a small example of public recognition. The request be reviewed by staff in context of any existing policies and furthermore that staff review other options available for a commemoration in memory of Marco Leggieri.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2020

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

Conclusion

It is appropriate that Council request staff to review this small gesture in honour of the memory of Marco Leggieri as requested by the residents.

Attachments

1. Letter and petition of one hundred and fifty seven signatories

Report prepared by:

Councillor Tony Carella, FRSA

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor Tony Carella, FRSA

Dear Tony Carella,

I'm writing to you because I am aware of a local matter and I believe that you may be able to help your local constituents and their heartfelt request. Of late, a young boy in our community lost his battle with Cancer. His name was Marco Leggieri and he had just turned 5 years old the day we lost him. Marco lived on Chalone Cres. in Woodbridge and although he did not have a long life, he was given the lifetime experiences that every child seeks: a loving and supportive family; gatherings with extended family and friends; long walks in his stroller with mom; and playing ball outside with his older brother and neighbourhood children on his lawn. Marco's spirit was not affected by his illness, he was a gentle soul who adored his family and close friends. Marco also knew what he liked best: World Wrestling Federation, so much so that Mom and Dad made a special visit with some of the World Wrestling Wrestlers. Marco was an assertive child who knew what he liked and knew what he wanted, and most of the time, that was to have his mother and family right by his side. Marco had a full and loving life surrounded by the people who meant most to him, just as he touched not only the lives of his family, he also touched the lives of those in our community.

To respect Marco and his Spirit, we are making a special request of the City of Vaughan to add a sign above or below that of "Chalone Cres" sign. The sign would read "**Marco's Way**"; a dedication to Marco's young and strong spirit who has touched us all in our community.

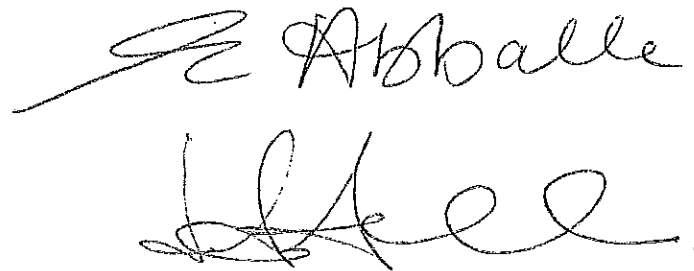
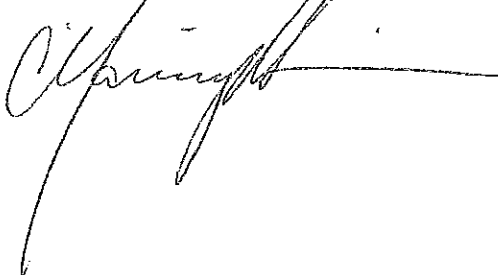
Tony, this request from your constituents is an all important step towards a community's healing process and I hope that you can please help us in this endeavour. Attached is a list of those who are in support of this addition to our street name.

With Sincere Gratitude for your Efforts,

Eileen Abballe



Elena Ruggero Gallucci





NOTICE OF PETITION

A petition has been submitted with respect to the following matter and a copy is on file in the office of the City Clerk:

Agenda Item No.: 13

Item Name: **SUBTITLING CHALONE CRESCENT
"MARCO'S WAY"**

Particulars of the Petition:

Dated: _____

No. of Signatures: 157

Submitted by: Elena Ruggero Gallucci

For a copy of the petition contact:

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