

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - DECEMBER 9, 2002

RENAMING OF MORNING STAR PARK

Recommendation

Regional Councillor Gino Rosati recommends:

1. That Morning Star Park be renamed "Michael Barrasso Park" as outlined in the attached request letter.

Purpose

To rename the park in memory of Mr. Michael Barrasso who died in a tragic accident last August 23, 2002, on the request of his friends.

Background/Analysis

A request has been submitted by the friends and neighbours of the late Mr. Michael Barrasso with the support of his family in honour of his memory. Mr. Barrasso was a fine young man and liked by everyone who knew him - died suddenly and tragically in an electrical industrial accident. Family and friends would be very appreciative if this request is approved in honour of Michael Barrasso.

Conclusion

Approval of this request is strongly recommended and would be a fine gesture to recognize a fine young man, member of our community, and very much appreciated by family and friends.

Respectfully submitted,

Gino Rosati,
Regional Councillor

Attach.
Request letter
Petition
Location Map

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October 10, 2002

City of Vaughan
2141 Major Mackenzie Drive
Vaughan, Ontario
L6A 1T1

Attention: Gino Rosati, Regional Councillor

Dear Mr. Rosati:

On August 23, 2002 our best friend Michael Barrasso passed away at the tender age of twenty-two. At the mere threshold of his young adult life, he was severely injured resulting in death in an industrial accident.

Michael was a bright, resourceful, and energetic young man who favourably impressed all those he interacted with. In elementary school (San Marco), Michael was nominated to be a Page in our Provincial Parliament and he eagerly accepted this learning experience. As a youth, Michael enthusiastically worked with the City of Vaughan's Parks and Recreation as a volunteer teaching young children to swim. He earned great respect, admiration, and popularity among his peers. He also was constructively involved in numerous extracurricular activities such as: soccer, ball hockey and lacrosse.

Acknowledging all the above characteristics of such a fine young man, we would like to present petitions for re-naming *Morningstar Park* to Michael Barrasso Park (located on Morningstar, in the City of Vaughan). We would also like to request permission to place a memorial stone and tree in Michael's honour with the cost to be incurred by his friends. *Morningstar Park* is a sentimental and noteworthy location as Michael grew up creating many fond memories with family and friends there, which he has now taken with him.

We thank you in advance for your support in this matter, and we are confident that Michael's reputation has proven worthy to be shared amidst the community.

Please feel free to contact us if you need further information. We can be reached at (905) 856-1587 -Mike Saccoccia, or (416) 991-6700 Mike Demarco.

Sincerely,

Mike Saccoccia

Mike Demarco