

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - JUNE 2, 2009

VELLORE VILLAGE DISTRICT PARK – ADOPT-A-PARK AND PROPOSED PARK RENAMING

RECOMMENDATION

The Commissioner of Community Services recommends:

1. That Council approve an amendment to the recommendation adopted at the Council meeting of February 3, 2009 (Item 14, Report No. 2 of the Committee of the Whole – Attachment 1) by deleting the name “Davos Road Park” where it appears in the item and inserting “Vellore Village District Park”, so that the recommendation now reads:
 - “1. That the letter and petition dated December 12, 2008 from Mr. Peter Bottoni and Ms. Laura DeFilippis, be received; and,
 2. That the request to adopt Vellore Village District Park be approved and final agreement be referred to the Commissioner of Community Services in consultation with the Directors of Parks Development and Parks Operations and Forestry; and,
 3. That the request to rename Vellore Village District Park to Matthew Park, be approved.”

Economic Impact

There is no economic impact associated with the correction.

Communications Plan

The Bottoni Family will be notified of Council's decision and the community will be advised of the park renaming.

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to correctly identify the park that is to be renamed “Matthew Park”.

Background - Analysis and Options

Council at its meeting of February 3, 2009 approved Item 14, Report No. 2 of the Committee of the Whole, adopting and renaming Davos Road Park. The park name, however, was incorrectly identified in the report as there are two parks on Davos Road. The park that is to be renamed “Matthew Park” is “Vellore Village District Park” not “Davos Road Park” as previously identified.

The City of Vaughan received correspondence from Mr. Peter Bottoni and Ms. Laura DeFilippis, dated December 12, 2008, requesting that park located at Davos Road and Fossil Hill be adopted and renamed in memory of their son, Matthew.

The Bottoni family's request is to adopt and rename the park in memory of their son Matthew James Peter Bottoni who died of a heart condition at the age of 21 months. The meaning of the name “Matthew” means “a gift from God” and would be a befitting name to remember those in which we have a warm memory and wish to honour. The family has been provided with details of the Adopt-a-Park Program and is fully aware of the requirements of this program - promoting partnership between the City of Vaughan and the Community.

The Adopt-A-Park policy states: "The City of Vaughan Adopt-A-Park program has been established as a public service program promoting environmental stewardship and civic pride. It is a way for environmentally responsible citizens to beautify their own neighbourhood."

By adopting the park the family, friends and residents are taking an active role in monitoring the park or organizing a cleanup to create a more beautiful environment.

The City of Vaughan encourages residents and groups to get involved with this program.

Staff from the Parks and Forestry Operations Department will arrange to meet the applicant and get them involved in the formalization of a final agreement.

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 the individual meets any of the following criteria:

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 former place of residence of the person or group and the facility/park/street to be named.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2020/Strategic Plan

In consideration of the strategic priorities related to Vaughan Vision, the report will provide:

- STRATEGIC GOAL
Enhance and Ensure Community Safety, Health & Wellness – To advocate for, protect and enhance community safety, health and wellness through education, design and enforcement.

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

Regional Implications

N/A

Conclusion

The Bottoni family are long-time Woodbridge residents who have supported and been active members of their community. They are committed to ensuring that the park will be kept clean and well-maintained and plan to hold an annual community event at the park in memory of their son.

Attachments

Attachment 1 – Item 14, Report No. 2, Committee of the Whole adopted at Council February 3, 2009.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Commissioner of Community Services

CITY OF VAUGHAN

EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 3, 2009

Item 14, Report No. 2, of the Committee of the Whole, which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on February 3, 2009.

14 DAVOS ROAD PARK – ADOPT-A-PARK AND PROPOSED PARK RENAMING

The Committee of the Whole recommends approval of the recommendation contained in the following report of Councillor Di Vona, dated January 13, 2009:

Recommendation

Councillor Bernie DiVona, in consultation with Regional Councillor Mario Ferri recommends:

1. That the letter and petition dated December 12, 2008 from Mr. Peter Bottoni and Ms. Laura DeFilippis be received;
2. That the request to adopt Davos Road Park be approved and final agreement be referred to the Commissioner of Community Services in consultation with the Directors of Parks Development and Parks Operations and Forestry; and
3. That the request to rename Davos Road Park to Matthew Park be approved.

Economic Impact

N/A

Communications Plan

N/A

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to obtain Council approval to have the Bottoni family adopt and rename Davos Road Park in memory of their son Matthew James Peter Bottoni who died of a heart condition at the age of 21 months. The family has been provided with details of the Adopt-a-Park Program and are fully aware of the requirements of this program - promoting partnership between the City of Vaughan and the Community.

Further, the residents and applicant has requested the City of Vaughan rename Davos Park to "Matthew Park". The meaning of the name "Matthew" means "a gift from God" and would be a befitting name to remember those in which we have a warm memory and wish to honour.

Background - Analysis and Options

The City of Vaughan received correspondence from Mr. Peter Bottoni and Ms. Laura DeFilippis, dated December 12, 2008, requesting that Davos Road Park be adopted and renamed in memory of his son, Matthew (refer to Attachment 1).

The Adopt-A-Park policy states: "The City of Vaughan Adopt-A-Park program has been established as a public service program promoting environmental stewardship and civic pride. It is a way for environmentally responsible citizens beautify their own neighbourhood."

By adopting the park the family, friends and residents are taking an active role in monitoring the park or organizing a cleanup to create a more beautiful environment.

The City of Vaughan encourages residents and groups to get involved with this program.

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The Parks and Forestry Department staff will arrange to meet the applicant and get them involved in the formalization of a final agreement.

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 the individual meets any of the following criteria:

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Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2020/Strategic Plan

Enhance and Ensure Community Safety, Health & Wellness – To advocate for, protect and enhance community safety, health and wellness through education, design and enforcement.

This report is consistent with the priorities previously set by Council.

Regional Implications

N/A

Conclusion

The Bottoni family are long-time Woodbridge residents who have supported and been active members of their community. They are committed to ensuring that the park will be kept clean and well-maintained and plan to hold an annual event at the park in memory of their son.

Attachments

1. Letter
2. Pictures of Matthew
3. Petition

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EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 3, 2009

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Report prepared by:

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(A copy of the attachments referred to in the foregoing have been forwarded to each Member of Council and a copy thereof is also on file in the office of the City Clerk.)