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To: Chair and Members of General Committee

From: Jodi Robillos, Commissioner of Community Services

Originator's files:

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Subject

Naming of new Malton youth hub located at 3545 Morning Star Drive as "The Malton Youth Hub" and dedication of a part of that facility as "The Jonathan Davis Centre" (Ward 5)

Recommendation

1. That for a period of 30 days, the naming of the new Malton youth hub located at 3545 Morning Star Drive as "The Malton Youth Hub" be considered as outlined in the corporate report dated March 21, 2022 from the Commissioner of Community Services entitled "Naming of new Malton youth hub located at 3545 Morning Star Drive as "The Malton Youth Hub" and dedication of a part of that facility as "The Jonathan Davis Centre" (Ward 5)".
2. That for a period of 30 days, the dedication of a part of "The Malton Youth Hub" as "The Jonathan Davis Centre" be considered as outlined in the corporate report dated March 21, 2022 from the Commissioner of Community Services entitled "Naming of new Malton youth hub located at 3545 Morning Star Drive as "The Malton Youth Hub" and dedication of a part of that facility as "The Jonathan Davis Centre" (Ward 5)".
3. That Community Services staff be directed to provide notice as set out in the City's Facility Naming Policy 05-02-02 of the proposed naming of the new Malton youth hub as "The Malton Youth Hub" and dedication of a part of that facility as "The Jonathan Davis Centre".

Executive Summary

- The subject report outlines the recommended naming of the new Malton youth hub located at 3545 Morning Star Drive as "The Malton Youth Hub" and dedication of a part of that facility as "The Jonathan Davis Centre".

- The requested naming of the facility as “The Malton Youth Hub” and dedication of a part of that facility as “The Jonathan Davis Centre” is in accordance with the City’s Facility Naming Corporate Policy 05-02-02.
- The City’s interim Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) Asset Naming Review Committee has been consulted on the proposed name and supports the recommendation.
- The new Malton youth hub is the result of converting the former Lincoln M. Alexander Secondary School pool. Construction has begun and is anticipated to be completed in Fall 2023.

Background

In accordance with the City’s Facility Naming Corporate Policy 05-02-02, the Community Services Department is directed to present names for the General Committee and Council’s consideration for the purposes of naming parks, trails, and facilities in the City of Mississauga. Following the policy, General Committee is requested to consider the recommended name presented by the Community Services Department for a period of 30 days, after which the Committee is asked to make a final recommendation to Council.

Dedications are limited to part of a Facility, such as a room within a community centre or specific garden or feature within a park. Generally, a Dedication is an honour reserved for those actions or achievements that meet the policy criteria.

The subject report outlines the request for the new Malton youth hub located at 3545 Morning Star Drive to be named “The Malton Youth Hub” with a part of that facility (a room) to be dedicated as “The Jonathan Davis Centre”.

The naming and dedication request was presented and is supported by the Ward 5 Councillor Carolyn Parrish.

Comments

The proposal to name the Malton youth hub as “The Malton Youth Hub” is in accordance with the City’s Facility Naming Corporate Policy, the recommended naming is also consistent with the selection criteria which gives preference to names that “have a direct relationship with the Facility - i.e. reflect the geographical location of the Facility”, in this case in Malton.

The new Malton youth hub is the result of converting the former Lincoln M. Alexander Secondary School pool. Construction has begun and is anticipated to be completed in Fall 2023. The Malton Youth Hub will provide services and programs that reflect the local youth needs. It will be a welcoming and inclusive space that provides youth access to community kitchen and cafe for teaching, food production, breakfast and lunch programs, music recording studio, youth dedicated space, multi-purpose room for meetings, events, classes and dedicated space for community agencies to offer programs and services.

The proposal to dedicate a room in the Malton youth hub as “The Jonathan Davis Centre” is to recognize the life of Jonathan Shayne Davis, a young member of the Malton community who was an innocent victim of a shoot out that took place on September 14, 2019. At the time of the incident, Jonathan was waiting to be picked up by his parents. He was only 17 years old.

In accordance with the policy, a bio was submitted for Jonathan that can be summarized as follows:

Jonathan was born to Raechon Elahie and Linton Davis on December 7, 2001. He lived in Malton for over 10 years. He attended Brandon Gate Public School, Morningstar Middle School and Lincoln M Alexander Secondary School where he was completing his high school years. He often attended the Malton Community Centre to participate in recreational activities and enjoyed playing basketball with his friends on the basketball court at Morningstar Middle School.

Jonathan really treasured spending time with his family. Besides his parents, Jonathan left behind siblings Richard, Shira, Jahshai, Barbara, Lasmin and Kaydian. His sisters were extremely close to him. After school, Jonathan would pick up his baby sister Jahshai from daycare. His dedication to his sisters was very important to him. His mother and father were both able to depend on him.

Jonathan was naturally curious, he participated in the after-school program at Morningstar Middle School and enjoyed taking electrical objects apart and putting them back together. His passion for electronics came from his practical learning with his dad, who is a licensed electrician. Most of all, he enjoyed playing video games. Jonathan would prefer to spend his last dollar on buying a new game instead of buying lunch. He enjoyed playing against his friends online to wee hours of the morning. Minecraft was Jonathan’s favorite video game before he started others like Forza, Warfame, GTA, and Assassins creed. He liked to collect Pokémon and Yogi Cards. He had a passion for cars and enjoyed going to car shows on field trips with his school and would always bring home posters and hang them on the wall in is room.

Jonathan has been often described as a gentle and humble soul who was always minding his own business and trying to help others. He was friendly which would usually make others gravitate towards him.

Jonathan had great sensitivity for the world around him. He was kind, generous and remarkably polite. He was an amazing and beloved young man who was taken away from his family and community too soon.

The request to name the Malton youth hub as “The Malton Youth Hub” and dedicate a part of the Malton youth hub as “The Jonathan Davis Centre” is in accordance with the City’s “Facility Naming” Corporate Policy. The City’s interim Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) Asset Naming Review Committee has been consulted on the proposed name and supports the recommendation. The Ward 5 Councillor supports the recommended naming and dedication.

Financial Impact

As per the Corporate Policy and Procedure for Official City Openings/Events, this event falls under Category B: Small-scale Projects with Capital Budgets. The timing and type of ceremony is to be determined.

If an official opening event is planned for the Fall 2023, it would have a budget of up to \$5,000 for a plaque including its installation, and an additional \$5,000 for supporting the opening ceremony event. These costs will be absorbed through the existing capital budget of the site conversion project, PN 19-425.

Conclusion

The proposed naming of the new Malton youth hub located at 3545 Morning Star Drive as “The Malton Youth Hub” and dedication of a part of that facility as “The Jonathan Davis Centre” are in accordance with the City’s “Facility Naming” corporate policy and should be considered by General Committee for 30 days as per policy.

Attachments

Appendix 1: Location map of The Malton Youth Hub

Appendix 2: Proposal to Dedicate a Room as “The Jonathan Davis Centre”



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