

City of Mississauga  
**Corporate Report**



<p>Date: June 27, 2022</p> <p>To: Mayor and Members of Council</p>	<p>Originator's files:</p>
<p>From: Jodi Robillos, Commissioner of Community Services</p>	<p>Meeting date: July 6, 2022</p>

## Subject

**Renaming of Camilla Park (P-028) located at 2180 Camilla Rd to Iggy Kaneff Park, (W7)**

## Recommendation

1. That for a period of 30 days, the renaming of Camilla Park, located at 2180 Camilla Road, to Iggy Kaneff Park be considered as outlined in the corporate report dated June 27, 2022 from the Commissioner of Community Services entitled "Renaming of Camilla Park (P-028) located at 2180 Camilla Rd to Iggy Kaneff Park (Ward 7)".
2. That notwithstanding the City's Facility Naming Policy 05-02-02, and due to the upcoming Council recess, notice shall advise that parties wishing to provide comment on the renaming shall do so to the office of the Commissioner of Community Services and not to the General Committee.
3. That notwithstanding the City's Facility Naming Policy 05-02-02, and due to the upcoming Council recess, the authority of the General Committee under said Policy to consider the staff recommendation and the public comment and to accept the recommended name or make such other decision under said Policy, is delegated to the Commissioner of Community Services.

## 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. In accordance with 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.

On July 22, 2020, Council passed a motion to express condolences to the family of the late Ignat (Iggy) Kaneff and directed staff to develop a list of potential naming opportunities to

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honour Mr. Kaneff. Staff looked into various options and recommend Camilla Park as a suitable option.

The report entitled “A Review of the City’s Asset Naming Policies Through an Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) Lens” was discussed and approved by Council in January 2022, providing a process for how the City of Mississauga can evaluate the future naming of its streets, among other city assets. Community Services staff have consulted accordingly with the Interim Working Group led by the Diversity and Inclusion section. Following their review, it was concluded that the proposed renaming meets the intent of the Council-approved interim process review.

In consideration of the upcoming Council recess and notwithstanding the Facility Naming policy 05-02-02 that calls for General Committee to defer their decision after 30 days, delegated authority is being sought for the Commissioner of Community Services to approve the naming on behalf of Council, after the 30 day consideration period has passed and community support is confirmed.

The subject report outlines the renaming request for Camilla Park as Iggy Kaneff Park.

## Comments

Ignat (Iggy) Kaneff, C.M., O.Ont. (Hon) was a Bulgarian-born real estate development and construction leader whose philanthropic and civic contributions earned him high honours throughout his life.

Mr. Kaneff arrived in Canada in 1951 and subsequently built an incredibly successful real estate and construction business, employing thousands of people and building many commercial and residential units across Canada. Mr Kaneff was the founder & CEO of Mississauga based Kaneff Group of Companies. He passed away on July 12, 2020 at the age of 93.

Mr. Kaneff is credited with shaping Mississauga and Brampton's downtown skyline through signature white towers in the 1970s and 1980s. His name is also widely recognized in the golf industry for having raised the standard of publicly available golf in the 1990s, with the opening of Lionhead Golf Club & Conference Centre.

He was a generous philanthropist, creating the Ignat Kaneff Charitable Foundation and raising millions of dollars for Community Living Mississauga, the Credit Valley Hospital Foundation, the Mississauga Symphony Orchestra the University of Toronto in Mississauga, the Osgoode Law School building campaign, and the Lassonde School of Engineering at York University campaign, among many others.

Mr. Kaneff was granted honorary degrees from University of Toronto, York University and Ruse University in Bulgaria for his charitable support of each institution.

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Other honours bestowed on Mr. Kaneff include:

- Recipient of the Order of Canada in 2016.
- Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal (2012)
- Queen Elizabeth II Golden Jubilee Medal (2002)
- Recipient of the Order of Ontario in 2010.
- Building Industry and Land Development Association Lifetime Achievement Award, 2016
- Recipient of the Bulgarian Order *Stara Planina* (First Degree), in 2002.
- Mississauga Citizen of the Year in 1992.
- Honorary Consul of the Republic of Bulgaria.
- Lifetime Achievement Award, Community Living Mississauga, 2016.
- Mississauga Heritage Lifetime Achievement Award
- One of the recipients of the Top 25 Canadian Immigrant Awards presented by Canadian Immigrant Magazine, 2016.

Following Mr. Kaneff's death in 2020, in a statement to the Toronto Star, Mayor Crombie wrote: *"Iggy left an indelible mark on our city as a city-builder and philanthropist, forever changing the face of Mississauga and shaping our urban landscape. From residential homes to high rise and commercial buildings, there isn't a corner of Mississauga that hasn't been touched by Iggy's legacy."*

As a city-builder, he forever changed the face of Mississauga and left an indelible mark on our urban development and built form. His story demonstrates that no matter where you come from, through hard work, dedication, and a strong community spirit, everyone can succeed in Mississauga and in Canada.

Staff looked into suitable naming opportunities to honour Mr. Kaneff. The Kaneff Group of Companies developed a number of properties in close proximity to Camilla Park including an apartment building located at 2177 Sherobee Road which is adjacent to the western boundary of Camilla Park. This Community Park is located at 2180 Camilla Road, is approximately 8.2 ha (20 acres) and opened in 1963. Given the proximity of Kaneff buildings to the park, Camilla Park is recommended as an appropriate naming opportunity.

In accordance with the City's "Facility Naming" Corporate Policy, the recommended park renaming is consistent with the selection criteria which gives preference to names that "Honour, a minimum of one year posthumously, an individual who has, for example, made significant positive contributions to their local community, the City of Mississauga, the Province of Ontario or Canada".

The local Councillor has been consulted and supports the proposed renaming. The Kaneff family has been consulted and supports the renaming.

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## Financial Impact

Per the Official City Openings/Events Corporate Policy 06-02-04, the renaming of “Iggy Kaneff Park” falls under Category C – Openings and Events with no capital budgets. The cost of new signage and plaque (\$5,000) will be covered by Parks Operations Account 25297-715636. Cost of the renaming ceremony (\$5,000) will be covered by Parks Operations Account 25386-715801.

## Conclusion

The recommended name “Iggy Kaneff Park” is in accordance with the City’s Facility Naming Policy 05-02-02, except that certain provisions of the Policy are sought to be modified or delegated as a result of the upcoming Council recess. The renaming should be open for public comment for a period of 30 days as per the policy.

## Attachments

Appendix 1: Location Map



Jodi Robillos, Commissioner of Community Services

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