City of Mississauga

Corporate Report



Date: January 16, 2024

To: Chair and Members of General Committee

From: Jodi Robillos, Commissioner of Community Services

Meeting date: February 7, 2024

Subject

Naming of Off-Road Trail 11 as "Chechalk Trail" (Ward 3)

Recommendation

That the Corporate Report dated January 16, 2024 entitled "Naming of Off-Road Trail 11 as "Chechalk Trail" (Ward 3)" from the Commissioner of Community Services be approved.

Executive Summary

- On November 1, 2023, General Committee considered the naming of Off-road Trail 11 as "Chechalk Trail" and directed staff to provide public notice as per the City's Facility Naming Corporate Policy 05-02-02.
- Public comments received were generally in support of the proposed naming and are summarized in Appendix 3.
- Staff recommend proceeding with naming Off-Road Trail 11 as "Chechalk Trail".

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. The 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.

This report outlines the naming request for Off-Road Trail 11 as "Chechalk Trail".

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Comments

Off-Road Trail 11 is located in Ward 3, within the Hydro One corridor. The 3.8 km trail extends from Audubon Boulevard to Dundas Street East, as shown in Appendix 1. This multi-use trail serves as an important north-south connection to other primary and local routes in the city. Construction of this trail was completed in 2022.

At the November 1, 2023 General Committee meeting, staff recommended naming Off-Road Trail 11 as "Chechalk Trail". Staff report titled "Proposed naming of the Off-Road Trail 11 to "Chechalk Trail (Ward 3)" is attached as Appendix 2.

The Off-Road Trail 11 lands were part of Treaty 14, Head of the Lake Treaty, signed in 1806. One of the signatories of Treaty 14 was Chief Chechalk. As a way to honour Chief Chechalk and bring awareness to the history of the lands of the trail, naming Off-Road Trail 11 as "Chechalk Trail" was recommended. The "Chechalk Trail" name is consistent with the City's Facility Naming Policy 05-02-02, according to which geographic and historical references are to be used when choosing names for trails, parks and other City facilities. Staff has received support from the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation and Councillor Fonseca has engaged with the Ward 3 community and received feedback in favour of the recommended name. The City's interim Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) Asset Naming Review Committee was consulted and noted no objections with the proposed name.

As set out in the Facility Naming Corporate Policy 05-02-02, Community Services staff provided public notice within 400 ft. radius of the Off-road Trail 11 for the proposed naming. Approximately 3,078 notices were mailed and six public comments were received in response, as outlined in Appendix 3. Majority of the comments received support naming Off-Road Trail 11 as "Chechalk Trail" and staff recommend proceeding with the naming.

Financial Impact

The budget of up to \$12,000 for three trail entrance signs will be absorbed through existing Parks, Forestry, & Environment capital budget in PN 21331 considering one sign at each end of the trail and one to be located at its mid-way street crossing.

Conclusion

The proposed naming has been considered for a period of 30 days as per the City policy. Staff have reviewed the public comments and continue to recommend the proposed name for Offroad Trail 11 as "Chechalk Trail".

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Attachments

Appendix 1: Off-Road Trail 11 Location Map

Appendix 2: Staff report titled "Proposed naming of the Off-Road Trail 11 to "Chechalk Trail"

(Ward 3) dated October 10, 2023

Appendix 3: Comments received through public notification for naming Off-Road Trail 11 as

"Chechalk Trail"

Jodi Robillos, Commissioner of Community Services

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