

City of Mississauga
Corporate Report



<p>Date: February 21, 2020</p> <p>To: Mayor and Members of Council</p> <p>From: Paul Mitcham, P.Eng, MBA, Commissioner of Community Services</p>	<p>Originator's files:</p>
	<p>Meeting date: April 1, 2020</p>

Subject

Park Naming of former Willow Glen School Site (P-531) to “Willow Glen” (Ward 2)

Recommendation

1. That General Committee consider, for a period of 30 days, the park naming of former Willow Glen School Site (P-531) to “Willow Glen”.
2. That Community Services staff be directed to provide notice as set out in the “Facility Naming” Corporate Policy 05-02-02 of the proposed park naming of the former Willow Glen School Site (P-531) to “Willow Glen”.

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.

The subject report outlines the recommended park naming for the former Willow Glen School Site (P-531) to “Willow Glen”.

The City completed the purchase of these lands from the Peel District School Board in May 2017 with the intended use for parkland. Community Services staff proceeded with park design and held a community engagement session to seek residents’ feedback on the proposed park design and amenities. Park construction was initiated in summer 2019 and substantially completed in December 2019.

Comments

The subject property is the former Willow Glen School, located at 1301 Epton Crescent, in Ward 2. The newly constructed 4.92 ac (1.99 ha) Community Park will serve the neighbourhood recreational needs identified through engagement with residents and reflect the amenity needs for this service area based on recommendations from Future Directions 2019 Parks & Forestry Master Plan.

In accordance with the City's "Facility Naming" Corporate Policy, Park Planning undertook research and recommends "Willow Glen" as the preferred name for its direct geographic relationship and to recognize the school's long standing association with the property.

The school was a local focal point for learning, teaching, coming together and sharing educational experiences. It was a place of fond memories for former students, parents, teachers and the local community. There is a shared sentiment to honour and remember the site through the school's name "Willow Glen" because of the direct relationship to the park location and surrounding area.

Since the school's closure, the local community has informally referred to the site as "Willow Glen" which makes it a familiar and user-friendly name that blends well with the community's positive sentiment. Furthermore, residents have contacted Community Services staff to express their support and interest to formally name the park as "Willow Glen". The name "Willow Glen" celebrates the site's history as a school and brings geographic awareness that resonates with the local community.

In accordance with the City's "Facility Naming" Corporate Policy, the recommended park name is consistent with the selection criteria which gives preference to names that "have a direct relationship" and "reflect the geographic location" of the park.

The Ward 2 Councillor has been consulted and strongly supports the recommended park name.

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. A small official opening event will be planned for summer 2020 with a budget of up to \$5,000. Costs related to the opening event will be absorbed through the existing Parks, Forestry and Environment capital budget PN 16326 Community Parks - Design & Construction - F_410 (Willow Glen).

Conclusion

The recommended name "Willow Glen" is in accordance with the City's "Facility Naming" Corporate Policy and should be considered by General Committee for approval 30 days, as per the policy.

Attachments

Appendix 1: Location Map for former Willow Glen School Site P-531



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