

City of Mississauga

Corporate Report



Date: November 4, 2020

To: Mayor and Members of Council

From: Shari Lichterman, CPA, CMA, Commissioner of
Community Services

Originator's files:

Meeting date:
November 25, 2020

Subject

Renaming of Central Library (Ward 4)

Recommendation

1. That the Central Library be dedicated in honour of Hazel McCallion and renamed the Hazel McCallion Central Library as recommended in Resolution 0340-2020 on October 28, 2020 through a motion of Council and as outlined in the report titled 'Renaming of Central Library (Ward 4)' dated November 4, 2020 from the Commissioner of Community Services.
2. That Council waive the following requirements as outlined in the City's "Property and Facility Naming and Dedications" Corporate Policy 05-02-02":
 - a) The requirement to submit the request to General Committee for first approval.
 - b) That an individual be honoured posthumously.
 - c) The requirement for a 30-day consideration period prior to approval.

Background

In accordance with the City's 'Property and Facility Naming and Dedication' Corporate Policy 05-02-02, the Community Services Department is directed to present names for Council's consideration for the purposes of facilities, parks and trails in the City of Mississauga. In accordance with the policy, Council is requested to circulate information on the naming request to all residents and groups within a 400 metre radius of the facility and provide a 30 period for public input, after which the Committee is asked to make a final recommendation to Council. This report seeks relief from the 30 day consideration period in recognition of the fact that the motion was initiated by Council and to ensure that there is sufficient time to ensure the dedication can be undertaken on Hazel McCallion's 100th birthday on February 14, 2021.

The Central Library building is a designated heritage property. For heritage listed properties, the Heritage Advisory Council is required to be notified of the renaming. The renaming will be presented for information at the January 12, 2021 Heritage Advisory Committee meeting.

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The Mississauga Library Board was advised of the Council motion to rename Central Library on October 21, 2020 at a regular board meeting.

With the resolution 0340-2020 approved on October 28, 2020 Council has approved the naming in principle and has requested that this recommendations report be brought back to Council.

This report outlines the request to dedicate the Central Library, located at 301 Burnhamthorpe Road West in honour of Hazel McCallion's 100th birthday on February 14, 2021. The report seeks approval of the recommendation, waiving the policy requirement regarding the posthumous status of the honoree as established in the corporate naming policy, and a relief from the 30 day prescribed consultation process.

Comments

Hazel McCallion served the people of Mississauga for 53 years as Reeve and Mayor of Streetsville and then as Mayor of Mississauga and until recently held the title of Canada's longest serving Mayor. She helped define the City and the Region and was recognized as a "Nation Builder" for developing the Greater Toronto Mayor's Committee in 1992 to help shape the region through the development of coordinated goals and strategic plans. Through her time in office, Mississauga flourished from a series of small towns to the sixth largest city in Canada. She was instrumental in the development of the Civic Precinct of Mississauga including the development of City Hall, the Living Arts Centre and the Central Library.

Hazel McCallion has been honoured with many awards to recognize her legacy including the Member of the Order of Canada, the Order of Ontario, the Queen's Golden and Diamond Jubilee Medals, and an Honorary Doctor of Laws from the University of Toronto. She was also awarded the Key to the City of Mississauga. In recognition of her significant role in the province, the Ontario legislature passed a bill to make February 14th Hazel McCallion day across the province.

Throughout her long career, she encouraged the importance of education and the arts and encouraged all around her to be consistent and diligent in their requirements to "do their homework". She has an annual gala through which she raises money for arts and culture in the City, which is just a part of her extensive philanthropic efforts for local hospitals, educational institutions and initiatives to support youth, arts culture and heritage in the City.

It is fitting then that the library be renamed in her honour as it continues to develop programs and services to fulfill its mission to "meet the life-long informational, educational, cultural and recreational needs for all citizens". The libraries' efforts to ensure equity of service and access to information, space for learning, and the technology required to support learning provides the City of Mississauga residents with the capability for lifelong learning, in alignment with Hazel's legacy. The facility will be renamed just ahead of its modernization to ensure its continued ability to meet the educational needs of Mississauga residents for years to come.

In recognition of this naming, Library signage will be erected on the exterior of the library on Hazel McCallion's 100th birthday and an exhibit highlighting her legacy will be assembled in the

Library to recognize her significant achievements. A ceremony will be developed to commemorate the sign unveiling.

In accordance with the City's "Property and Facility Naming and Dedications" corporate policy, the proposed dedication of the Central Library in honour of Hazel McCallion, is consistent with the selection criteria which gives preference to names that "honour an individual's significant contribution to the community." The Ward 4 Councillor has been consulted and supports the recommended decision.

Financial Impact

There are no additional financial impacts as a result of this report. The costs of the new signage are included in the existing approved Central Library renovation project capital budget. Costs for exhibits and the unveiling event will be absorbed through divisional operating budgets.

Conclusion

The proposed renaming of the Central library to the Hazel McCallion Central Library, located at 301 Burnhamthorpe Road West is in accordance with the City's "Property and Facility Naming and Dedications Corporate Policy". The renaming of the library is consistent with Hazel's legacy of support of education and equitable access to information and her significant role in the development of the Central Library and the Civic Precinct. To ensure alignment of the Ceremony with her 100th birthday, it is recommended that Council approve this naming and waive the 30 day consideration period for the dedication.



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