

Subject: Commemorative Naming Proposal – Dr. O.B. Wilson Park

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and Council 11 October 2023

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Ward: Rideau-Jock (21)

Objet : Proposition de nom commémoratif – Parc du Docteur-O.-B.-Wilson

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REPORT RECOMMENDATION(S)

That the Community Services Committee recommend Council approve the proposal to name a new park in the Minto Mahogany community, located at 216 Skipper Drive, “Dr. O.B. Wilson Park”.

RECOMMANDATION(S) DU RAPPORT

Que le Comité des services communautaires recommande au Conseil d'approuver la proposition visant à ce que le nouveau parc communautaire du lotissement de Minto Mahogany situé au 216, promenade Skipper, est nommé « Parc du Docteur-O.-B.-Wilson ».

BACKGROUND

The [Commemorative Naming Policy](#), approved by City Council on July 24, 2002, as amended, outlines the criteria and process for commemoratively naming municipal streets, parks and facilities (or parts thereof).

The proposed name has been reviewed against the policy criteria, for potential issues regarding 9-1-1 response, and whether there is an existing commemoration of the same nomination. As there were no issues of concern, the Commemorative Naming Committee (“CNC”) met to review the formal application and proposal and provided an initial approval based on policy criteria and information provided by the nominator. To ensure there was community support for the commemorative naming proposal, staff initiated a 30-day public consultation phase.

Following the consultation process, the program administrator reviewed the public feedback. As there were no public objections received, the Community Services Committee and Council may consider the proposal directly, without the need for a second CNC meeting.

It is noted that on February 8, 2023, Ottawa City Council approved a motion to pause the Commemorative Naming Program to allow for a full program and policy review. The review is intended to strengthen the City’s approach to commemoration and outline a more equitable, diverse, and inclusive process that reflects the values of the City of Ottawa.

Commemorative naming applications that were received and vetted prior to the moratorium, including this nomination, are able to proceed for consideration and are not subject to the moratorium.

DISCUSSION

Dr. Dennis Osmond, Chair, Commemorative Naming Committee, Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 314 submitted an application to commemorate Dr. O.B. Wilson, as described in Document 1. Under the proposal, the new park located at 216 Skipper Drive, will be named “Dr. O.B. Wilson Park”.

The CNC met on May 25, 2023, to review the application and endorsed the proposed name under the following criterion:

- The nominated individual has provided extensive community service and has an extraordinary community service record.

Following the CNCs endorsement of the application, and in accordance with the Council-approved Commemorative Naming Policy, the proposed commemorative name entered a 30-day public consultation.

No objections were received during the public consultation period and a report is therefore submitted directly to the Community Services Committee and Council for approval, without reconvening a CNC meeting.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Financial costs associated with purchasing and installing a plaque are provided through the operating budget of the Recreation, Cultural and Facility Services Department.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no legal impediments to the implementation of the recommendation in this report.

COMMENTS BY THE WARD COUNCILLOR(S)

The Ward Councillor is supportive of this recommendation.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE(S) COMMENTS

The Commemorative Naming Committee is supportive of this recommendation.

CONSULTATION

An integral part of the Commemorative Naming Process is public consultation. On May 25, 2023, the City announced a 30-day public consultation on the proposed name. A public service announcement and the Ottawa.ca website provided relevant information on the proposal. CityNews Ottawa also shared the announcement on its [website](#).

Upon completion of the 30-day public consultation period on June 24, 2023, the Recreation, Cultural and Facility Services Department received three comments in support of the application and no opposition.

As the public consultation period did not result in any objections, the Community and Protective Services Committee will consider the proposal directly.

ACCESSIBILITY IMPACTS

This is an administrative report to approve commemorative naming, and as such, there are no accessibility impacts.

Commemorative plaques are designed in accordance with the City of Ottawa's corporate design standards and meet accessibility requirements.

ASSET MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

There are no asset implications associated with this report.

CLIMATE IMPLICATIONS

There are no climate implications associated with this report.

DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY IMPLICATIONS

There are no Delegation of Authority implications associated with this report.

ECONOMIC IMPLICATIONS

There are no economic implications associated with this report.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no environmental implications associated with this report.

INDIGENOUS, GENDER AND EQUITY IMPLICATIONS

There are no Indigenous, gender and equity implications associated with this report.

RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

There are no risk implications associated with this report.

RURAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no rural implications associated with this report.

TECHNOLOGY IMPLICATIONS

There are no technology implications associated with this report.

TERM OF COUNCIL PRIORITIES

Not applicable.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Document 1 immediately follows the report.

DISPOSITION

Following Council approval of the proposal, staff will work with the Ward Councillor on a commemorative plaque.

Document 1

Dr. O.B. Wilson Park

NOMINEE: Dr. Orville Badham (O.B.) Wilson	The nominated individual has provided extensive community service and has an extraordinary community service record.
NOMINATOR: Dr. Dennis Osmond, Chair, Commemorative Naming Committee, Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 314	
To name the new Minto Mahogany community park, located at 216 Skipper Drive, “Dr. O.B. Wilson Park”.	
Dr. O.B. Wilson Park	Parc du Dr-O.-B.-Wilson
Concurrence received February 3, 2023, from Councillor Brown to proceed.	

Dr. O.B. Wilson Park (Ward 21 – Rideau-Jock)

In recognition of extensive community service, the City has been asked to name a new park in the Minto Mahogany community, located at 216 Skipper Drive, “Dr. O.B. Wilson Park”. Dr. O.B. Wilson was a WWII veteran of the Royal Canadian Air Force who dedicated his life to the field of medicine upon his return from the war. He created the Manotick Medical Centre in 1972, volunteered his time with the Manotick Kiwanis Club, supported the Probus Club of Ottawa-Rideau Valley, and was also a member of the Royal Canadian Legion.

Parc du Dr.-O.-B.-Wilson (Quartier 21 – Rideau-Jock)

La Ville a reçu une proposition en vue de nommer un nouveau parc communautaire du lotissement de Minto Mahogany situé au 216, promenade Skipper, « Parc du Docteur-O.-B.-Wilson » en hommage aux nombreux services rendus à la communauté d’Ottawa. Le Docteur O. B. Wilson était un ancien combattant de l’Aviation royale canadienne lors de la Seconde Guerre mondiale qui a consacré sa vie à la médecine à son retour de la guerre. Il a créé le Centre médical de Manotick en 1972, a fait du bénévolat au sein du Club Kiwanis de Manotick, a soutenu le Probus Club d’Ottawa-Vallée de la Rideau et a été membre de la Légion royale canadienne.