

Subject: Commemorative Naming Proposal – Victor Cyr Woods

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Ward: Orléans South-Navan (19)

Objet : Proposition de nom commémoratif – Boisé Victor-Cyr

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REPORT RECOMMENDATION(S)

That the Community Services Committee recommend Council approve the proposal to re-name Innes Park Woods, located at 3828 Innes Road, “Victor Cyr Woods”.

RECOMMANDATION(S) DU RAPPORT

Que le Comité des services communautaires recommande au Conseil d'approuver la proposition visant à ce que le boisé du parc Innes, situé au 3828, chemin Innes, soit renommé « Boisé Victor-Cyr ».

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

Michael Cyr, the son of nominee Victor Cyr, submitted an application to commemorate his father, as described in Document 1. Under the proposal, the Innes Park Woods located at 3828 Innes Road will be renamed the "Victor Cyr Woods".

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

- The nominated individual shall have demonstrated excellence, courage or exceptional service to the citizens of the City of Ottawa, the Province of Ontario and/or Canada.

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 Ottawa.ca provided relevant information regarding the proposed commemorative name. 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 two comment(s) in support of the application and no opposition.

As the public consultation period did not result in any objections, the Community Services Committee may 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

Victor Cyr Woods

NOMINEE: Victor Cyr NOMINATOR: Michael Cyr, son	The nominated individual shall have demonstrated excellence, courage or exceptional service to the citizens of the City of Ottawa, the Province of Ontario and/or Canada.
To rename the Innes Park Woods, located at 3828 Innes Road, "Victor Cyr Woods".	
Victor Cyr Woods	Boisé Victor-Cyr
Concurrence from Councillor Kitts to proceed was received February 10, 2023.	

Victor Cyr Woods (Ward 19 – Orleans South-Navan)

In recognition of demonstrated excellence, the City has been asked to rename Innes Park Woods, located at 3828 Innes Road, "Victor Cyr Woods". Victor Cyr was synonymous with saving that parcel of land on numerous occasions. Having fought to keep the land from being developed in the 1970s, and again in the 1990s with help from Councillor Rainer Bloess, when the city was able to exchange city-owned land for the wooded area so that no further development would be proposed by developers or private business owners.

Boisé Victor-Cyr (Quartier 19 – Orléans-Sud-Navan)

Une proposition a été déposée auprès de la Ville afin de renommer le boisé du parc Innes situé au 3828, chemin Innes, « Boisé Victor-Cyr » en reconnaissance d'excellence manifeste. Victor Cyr a été synonyme de sauvetage de cette parcelle à de nombreuses reprises. Il s'est battu pour empêcher le développement du terrain dans les années 1970, puis dans les années 1990 avec l'aide du conseiller Rainer Bloess, lorsque la ville a pu échanger des terrains appartenant à la Ville contre la zone boisée afin qu'aucun autre aménagement ne soit proposé par des promoteurs immobiliers ou des propriétaires d'entreprises privées.