

**COMMUNITY AND PROTECTIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE
REPORT 24
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**EXTRACT OF DRAFT MINUTES 24
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**EXTRAIT DE L'ÉBAUCHE DU PROCÈS-VERBAL 24
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LE 31 MARS 2022**

4. Commemorative Naming Proposal – Cindy Mitchell Park

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Rideau-Vanier (12)

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

That the Community and Protective Services Committee recommend Council approve the proposal to rename the Sir Wilfrid Laurier Park, located at 288 Chapel Street, “Cindy Mitchell Park”

CARRIED

The Committee received the following submission, and a copy is filed with the Office of the City Clerk.

- The importance of Early Childhood Education in Canada - Robin McMillan, Canadian Child Care Federation

The following delegates spoke before the Committee in support of and provided comments on the report recommendations:

- Morna Ballantyne - Executive Director of the Child Care Advocacy Association of Canada (CCAAC)

Morna spoke of child care and the importance of the work done by Cindy to benefit childcare. Morna urged the committee to support the report recommendation.

- Stéphanie Plante - Reconnaissance des travailleurs essentiels dans la toponymie de la capitale nationale

Stephanie spoke of the importance of children's health, and the need for child care as an essential service.

- Stéphanie Plante introduced a video by Isaac McKeague – Bettye Hyde Alumni

Issac spoke of his personal experiences as a Bettye Hyde alumni, and how they've shaped him into the person he is today.

- Abdulrahman al-Masri - Cindy Mitchell and refugee resettlement

Abdulrahman spoke as a resident of Sandy Hill. His family met Cindy when they were looking for community support. Abdulrahman also provided personal stories of how Cindy helped him and his family.

- Susan Khazaeli - Women and childcare

Susan spoke as President of Action Sandy Hill – and supports this renaming. Susan also spoke as a mother and a visible minority. She spoke of her experience with Cindy and how much she provided to childcare. Susan believes she survived the pandemic due to Cindy and childcare educators.

- Baxter Williams - Cindy's leadership and activism in the Sandy Hill community

Baxter spoke as a father of two children who went to Betty Hyde. Baxter also spoke of his interactions with Cindy. She is widely viewed in the community as a leader. He outlined her various achievements within the community, including her successful fund raising initiatives.

- Orest Zakydalsky

Orest spoke as a resident of Sandy Hill and who lives a few blocks from the park. With the pandemic, he realized the important values of the community. Orest works for the Ukraine Congress. Orest doesn't know Cindy personally, but has seen the impact and the importance of her work. He encouraged the committee to approve the renaming.

The delegations were thanked, and received comments of support and recognition from Councillors M. Fleury, T. Kavanagh, and D. Deans.