### 1. COMMEMORATIVE NAMING PROPOSAL – WENDY STEWART POND

PROPOSITION DE NOM COMMÉMORATIF – ÉTANG WENDY STEWART

#### **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

That Council approve the proposal to name the Sawmill Creek Settling Pond the "Wendy Stewart Pond."

# RECOMMANDATION DU COMITÉ

Que le Conseil approuve la proposition visant à nommer l'étang de décantation de Sawmill Creek « étang Wendy-Stewart »

#### DOCUMENTATION/DOCUMENTATION

1. Manager's report, Policy and Technical Solutions, Office of the City Clerk and Solicitor, dated 1 February 2018 (ACS2018-CCS-GEN-0005).

Rapport du Gestionnaire, Politiques et solutions techniques, Bureau du greffier municipal et de l'avocat général, daté le 1 février 2018 (ACS2018-CCS-GEN-0005).

# Report to Rapport au:

Environment Committee Comité de l'environnement 20 February 2018 / 20 février 2018

and Council et au Conseil 28 February 2018 / 28 février 2018

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Ward: RIVER (16) / RIVIERE (16) File Number: ACS2018-CCS-GEN-0005

SUBJECT: Commemorative Naming Proposal – Wendy Stewart Pond

**OBJET:** Proposition de nom commémoratif – Étang Wendy Stewart

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### **REPORT RECOMMENDATION**

That the Environment and Climate Protection Committee recommend Council approve the proposal to name the Sawmill Creek Settling Pond the "Wendy Stewart Pond."

### **RECOMMANDATION DU RAPPORT**

Que le Comité de l'Environment et de la protection climatique recommande au Conseil d'approuver la proposition visant à nommer l'étang de décantation de Sawmill Creek « étang Wendy-Stewart »

### 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).

With respect to criteria, a commemorative name honours individuals who are (or have been) citizens of the City of Ottawa or who have made a specific contribution to the City of Ottawa and:

- Demonstrated excellence, courage or exceptional service to the citizens of the City of Ottawa, the Province of Ontario and / or Canada;
- Provided extensive community service, or who have an extraordinary community service record;
- Worked to foster equality and reduce discrimination;
- Where the nominated individual is a current City employee, the individual shall have made an outstanding contribution to the City of Ottawa outside of his/her capacity and duties as a City employee or they may be recognized for their exceptional service once they are no longer a City employee;
- The nominated individual has made a significant financial contribution to a park or facility and the contribution significantly benefits the community that the park

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or facility serves (i.e. the park or facility may not have otherwise been possible without the financial assistance);

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• The nominated name has historical significance to the community, City of Ottawa, Province of Ontario, or Canada.

Any member of the public or City Council may submit a name to the City for consideration through a formal Commemorative Naming application and supporting material.

Staff review the name against other criteria (e.g. potential issues for 9-1-1, whether there is an existing commemoration for the same nomination, etc.) and if there are no issues of this nature, forwards the nomination to the Commemorative Naming Committee ("CNC"), consisting of the City Clerk and Solicitor, the General Manager, Planning, Infrastructure and Economic Development, the General Manager, Recreation, Cultural and Facility Services, the General Manager, Public Works and Environmental Services, the Mayor and the Ward Councillor or their respective designates; the CNC reviews the formal application.

As part of the process, the CNC provides an initial approval based on the policy's criteria and the information provided by the nominator. Staff is then directed to ensure there is community support for the choice by initiating a 30-day public consultation phase. Where the proposal is to rename a park or facility, the Policy requires a 60-day public consultation phase.

Following the consultation process, the CNC reviews the public feedback and makes a final recommendation on the nomination, which is subsequently considered by the appropriate Standing Committee and City Council. In cases where no public objections are received, proposals are brought directly to the appropriate Standing Committee and Council without the need for a second CNC meeting.

# DISCUSSION

Councillor Riley Brockington submitted an application to commemorate Wendy Stewart, as described in Document 1. Under the proposal, the Sawmill Creek Settling Pond would be named "Wendy Stewart Pond".

The CNC met on October 11th, 2017 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.

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The CNC reconvened on January 31, 2018 to review the public feedback and make a final recommendation on the nomination.

### **RURAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no rural implications associated with this report.

# CONSULTATION

An integral part of the Commemorative Naming Process is public consultation on the proposed name. On October 13th, 2017, the City announced a 30-day public consultation on the proposed name. The relevant information was communicated through a public service announcement, the City of Ottawa Twitter accounts and posted to Ottawa.ca.

The 30-day public consultation period ended on November 11th, 2017. The City Clerk and Solicitor's Office received five comments in support of the application and two comments in opposition

After the close of the public consultation period, the City Clerk's Office received one additional comment in support of the commemorative naming.

# COMMENTS BY THE WARD COUNCILLOR(S)

I am pleased to support this recommendation and submitted the application based on the request from a number of individuals from the community who approached me in the autumn of 2016. Given Ms. Stewart's extensive involvement in the community, particularly her leadership in getting the stormwater ponds built in her capacity as the Regional and then City Councillor for River Ward, it is a fitting honour. In addition to local (individual) support, both the Hunt Club Community Organization and Riverside Park Community and Recreation Association are supportive of this naming.

### LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

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

### **RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS**

There are no risk implications associated with this report.

### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Office of the City Clerk and Solicitor

Financial costs associated with purchasing a plaque and/or hosting a naming ceremony are provided through the City Clerk and Solicitor's operating budget.

While demand has outpaced resources for several years, the practice has been to accommodate the commemorations within the \$18,000 annual budget and Members of Council and the public are made aware that, once the budget has been spent in any given year, any events will need to carry over into the next year.

# ACCESSIBILITY IMPACTS

There are no accessibility impacts related to the recommendation in this report.

# **TERM OF COUNCIL PRIORITIES**

Not applicable.

# SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Document 1 – Summary of Proposal: Wendy Stewart Pond (Ward 16- River)

#### DISPOSITION

Following Council approval of the proposal, staff will work with the Ward Councillor to coordinate a ceremonial event to unveil a plaque.

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Document 1

# Wendy Stewart Pond (Ward 16 - River)

In recognition of the extensive community service and extraordinary community service record of Wendy Stewart, a proposal to name the Sawmill Creek Settling Pond the "Wendy Stewart Pond" has been submitted to the Commemorative Naming Committee.

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A former Regional and City Councillor for River Ward, Wendy was deeply engaged in community service prior to holding elected office. Before being first elected to office in 1994, Wendy served on the Board of Directors for the Carleton Heights Community Centre and led the Parents Advisory Committee at McGregor Easson Public School. Wendy also contributed to the community newspaper and held the District Commissioner position with the Girl Guides of Canada for five years.

During her time as Councillor, Wendy served as a City of Ottawa representative to the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority, including a five-year term as Chair. In addition, Wendy chaired the Volunteer Advisory Committee for the Sawmill Creek Watershed Study and promoted the constructed wetland as a way to deal with stormwater management issues for the tributary.