

**2. COMMEMORATIVE NAMING PROPOSAL – ROBERT AND LINDA  
POULSEN GYMNASIUM**

**PROPOSITION DE NOM COMMÉMORATIF – GYMNASÉ ROBERT ET  
LINDA POULSEN**

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

**That Council approve the proposal to name the gymnasium located at the Hunt Club Riverside Park Community Centre “Robert and Linda Poulsen Gymnasium”.**

**RECOMMANDATION DU COMITÉ**

**Que le Conseil approuve la proposition visant à nommer le gymnase du Centre communautaire de Hunt Club-Riverside Park « gymnase Robert-et-Linda-Poulsen ».**

**DOCUMENTATION/DOCUMENTATION**

1. Manager’s report, Office of the City Clerk and Solicitor dated 1 February 2018 (ACS2018-CCS-GEN-0006)

Rapport du Gestionnaire, Bureau du greffier municipal et de l’avocate général, daté le 1 février 2018 (ACS2018-CCS-GEN-0006)

**COMMUNITY AND PROTECTIVE  
SERVICES COMMITTEE  
REPORT 29  
28 FEBRUARY 2018**

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**COMITÉ DES SERVICES  
COMMUNAUTAIRES ET DE  
PROTECTION RAPPORT 29  
LE 28 FÉVRIER 2018**

**Report to  
Rapport au:**

**Community and Protective Services Committee  
Comité des services communautaires et de protection  
22 February 2018 / 22 février 2018**

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

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**Ward: RIVER (16) / RIVIÈRE (16)**

**File Number: ACS2018-CCS-GEN-0006**

**SUBJECT: Commemorative Naming Proposal – Robert and Linda Poulsen  
Gymnasium**

**OBJET: Proposition de nom commémoratif – Gymnase Robert et Linda  
Poulsen**

## **REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS**

**That the Community and Protective Services Committee recommend Council approve the proposal to name the gymnasium located at the Hunt Club Riverside Park Community Centre “Robert and Linda Poulsen Gymnasium”.**

## **RECOMMANDATIONS DU RAPPORT**

**Que le Comité des services communautaires et de protection recommande au Conseil d’approuver la proposition visant à nommer le gymnase du Centre communautaire de Hunt Club-Riverside Park « gymnase Robert-et-Linda-Poulsen ».**

## **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

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

- 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 Robert and Linda Poulsen, as described in Document 1. Under the proposal, the gymnasium at the Hunt Club Riverside Community Centre would be named “Robert and Linda Poulsen Gymnasium”.

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.

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 six comments in support of the application and one comment in opposition

### **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. Both the late Robert Poulsen and his wife Linda have been heavily involved in the community in multiple capacities. Today, Linda continues her involvement and is an active member of the community. I have personally known the Poulsen Family for over two decades. 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: Robert and Linda Poulsen Gymnasium (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.

Document 1

**Robert and Linda Poulsen Gymnasium (Ward 16 – River)**

In recognition of the extensive community service and extraordinary community service record of Robert and Linda Poulsen, a proposal to name the gymnasium at the Hunt Club Riverside Park Community Centre has been submitted to the Commemorative Naming Committee. Long time residents of River Ward, Robert and Linda served on the HCRPCC board for several years and engaged in volunteer opportunities in the area. Robert coached local sports teams and Linda continues to volunteer in the community; she recently worked to bring three refugee families to the neighbourhood.