

**Report to
Rapport au:**

**Community and Protective Services Committee
Comité des services communautaires et de protection
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**and Council
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Ward: STITTSVILLE (6)

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SUBJECT: COMMEMORATIVE NAMING – KEMP WOODLAND

OBJET: NOM COMMÉMORATIF – BOISÉ KEMP

REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Community and Protective Services Committee recommend Council approve the proposal to name a woodland area on Abbott Street East, adjacent to Sacred Heart High School, the “Kemp Woodland”

RECOMMANDATIONS DU RAPPORT

Que le Comité des services communautaires et de protection recommande au Conseil d'approuver la proposition visant à nommer un terrain boisé de la rue Abbott Est, adjacent à la Sacred Heart High School, « boisé Kemp »

BACKGROUND

The Commemorative Naming Policy, approved by City Council on July 24, 2002, 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 (consisting of the City Clerk and Solicitor, the Chief Building Official, the General Manager, Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services, the General Manager, Public Works, the Mayor and the Ward Councillor or their respective designates); the Commemorative Naming Committee (CNC) reviews the formal application.

As part of the process, the CNC, consisting of applicable City staff, the Mayor and affected Members of Council, 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.

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 Standing Committee and Council without the need for a second CNC meeting.

DISCUSSION

Janet Mason, on behalf of the Ottawa Stewardship Council, submitted an application to commemorate John Kemp. Under the proposal, a woodland area on Abbott Street East, adjacent to Sacred Heart High School, would be named "Kemp Woodland".

The CNC met on April 13, 2015 to review the application and endorsed the proposed name under the following criterion:

- The nominated name has historical significance to the community.

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 April 17, 2015, the City announced a 30-day public consultation on the proposed name. The relevant information was communicated through a public service announcement and posted to Ottawa.ca.

By May 16, 2015, the Clerk's office had not received any responses on this proposal.

COMMENTS BY THE WARD COUNCILLOR(S)

Councillor Qadri supports the application and has indicated, as the community of Stittsville grows, it is very important to retain the historical significance of the area and honour those who were part of creating the community. He has been involved with the Ottawa Stewardship Council on this project and truly appreciates the work that is planned as it will make this forest a unique area in the community for residents to appreciate the natural environment. The Councillor is grateful that Goulbourn Township retained this forest and strongly feels it is deserving of this commemorative name.

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.

ASSET MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

There are no asset management implications associated with this report.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

City Clerk and Solicitor Department

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 \$20,000 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

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no environmental implications associated with this report

TERM OF COUNCIL PRIORITIES

Not applicable.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Document 1 – Summary of Proposal: Kemp Woodland (Ward 6 – Stittsville)

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

Kemp Woodland – (Ward 6 – Stittsville)

In recognition of the name's historical significance, the City of Ottawa has been asked to name a woodland area on Abbott Street East, adjacent to Sacred Heart High School, the "Kemp Woodland".

A summary of the proposal, submitted by the Ottawa Stewardship Council, is provided below:

Born in 1838 in what is today called "Stittsville", John Kemp was the son of William Kemp, one of Goulbourn's early Irish settlers.

John Kemp was a prominent 19th century Stittsville tavern keeper, railway contractor, and Goulbourn Township reeve from 1887 to 1894. He is best known as the builder and owner of the stone mansion Kemp's Tavern, which now houses Cabotto's Restaurant on Hazeldean Road.

John Kemp purchased Lot 25, Concession 10 sometime before 1879. Today, an 8.9 hectare cedar forest lies within this lot, which is adjacent to the Trans-Canada Trail and Sacred Heart High School. The forest is owned by the City of Ottawa and is a designated Natural Environment Area.