

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

File Number: ACS2019-RCF-GEN-0007

SUBJECT: Commemorative Naming Proposal – Mark Yakabuski Park

OBJET: Proposition de nom commémoratif – Parc Mark Yakabuski

REPORT RECOMMENDATION

That the Community and Protective Services Committee recommend Council approve the proposal to name the future park located at 315 Haliburton Heights the “Mark Yakabuski Park”.

RECOMMANDATION DU RAPPORT

Que le Comité des services communautaires et de protection recommande au Conseil d’approuver la proposition visant à ce que le futur parc qui sera situé au 315, plateau Haliburton, sera le « parc Mark-Yakabuski ».

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).

Where the naming of a street, municipal park, parts of a park, facility, or parts of a facility is being requested, at least one of the following criteria shall apply:

- 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.

The proposed name is reviewed against criteria such as potential issues for 9-1-1 or whether there is an existing commemoration for the same nomination. If there are no issues of concern, the Commemorative Naming Committee (“CNC”) will meet to review the formal application and proposal. The CNC membership is 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.

As part of the process, the CNC provides an initial approval based on the policy’s criteria and the information provided by the nominator. To ensure there is community support for the choice, staff will initiate 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, followed by considered by the appropriate Standing Committee and City Council. If no public objections are received, the Committee and Council will consider the proposal directly, without the need for a CNC meeting.

DISCUSSION

Krista Durie submitted an application to commemorate Mark Yakabuski, as described in Document 1. Under the proposal, future park located at 315 Haliburton Heights will be named the “Mark Yakabuski Park”.

The CNC met on May 8, 2019 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.

In accordance with the Council-approved Commemorative Naming Policy, in cases where there is no objection received during the public consultation period, a report can be submitted directly to the appropriate Standing Committee and Council, without reconvening a CNC meeting.

As the public consultation period resulted in one objection, the Commemorative Naming Committee reconvened on Wednesday June 26, 2019 and found that the opposition pertained to the overall commemorative naming program, and not specifically to the eligibility of the applicant. As such, the Community and Protective Services Committee will consider the “Mark Yakabuski” proposal.

RURAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no rural implications associated with this report.

CONSULTATION

An integral part of the Commemorative Naming Process is public consultation. On May 9, 2019, the City announced a 30-day public consultation on the proposed name. A public service announcement, the City’s Twitter account, and the Ottawa.ca website provided relevant information on the proposal.

The 30-day public consultation period ended on June 9, 2019. The Recreation, Cultural and Facility Services Department received six comments in support of the application and one comment in opposition.

COMMENTS BY THE WARD COUNCILLOR(S)

The Ward Councillor is supportive of this recommendation.

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

Financial costs associated with purchasing a plaque and/or hosting a naming ceremony are provided through operating budget of the Recreation, Cultural and Facility Services Department.

ACCESSIBILITY IMPACTS

The report recommendation does not have any accessibility impacts.

TERM OF COUNCIL PRIORITIES

Not applicable.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Document 1 – Summary of Proposal: Mark Yakabuski (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

Mark Yakabuski (Ward 6 – Stittsville)

In recognition of his extensive community service and exceptional impact he had on the community of Stittsville in which he was raised, the City of Ottawa has received a proposal to name the future park located at 315 Haliburton Heights the “Mark Yakabuski Park.” Mark played hockey with the Valley Titans, Ottawa 67s, Perth Blue Wings in the early 1990s. He became a fixture inside arenas across Ottawa where he coached and mentored players in the Stittsville minor hockey system. During his 42nd birthday he was thrown from a golf cart and suffered a serious spinal injury. Despite the sudden and traumatic event, Mark remained positive and upbeat and continued to inspire young hockey players.