COMITÉ DES SERVICES COMMUNAUTAIRES ET DE PROTECTION RAPPORT 22 LE 12 AVRIL 2017

1. Commemorative Naming Proposal – Susanna Kemp Park

Proposition de nom commémoratif – parc Susanna-Kemp

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

That Council approve the proposal to name a future park, located in the Abbottsville Development, "Susanna Kemp Park".

RECOMMANDATION DU COMITÉ

Que le Conseil municipale approuve l'attribution du nom « Parc Susanna Kemp » à un futur parc du secteur d'aménagement Abbottsville.

DOCUMENTATION/DOCUMENTATION

Manager, Policy and Technical Solutions' report dated 15 March 2017 (ACS2017-CCS-GEN-0015)

Rapport du Gestionnaire, politiques et solutions techniques, daté le 15 mars 2017 (ACS2017-CCS-GEN-0015)

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and Council et au Conseil 12 April 2017 / 12 avril 2017

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File Number: ACS2017-CCS-GEN-0015

SUBJECT: Commemorative Naming Proposal – Susanna Kemp Park

OBJET: Proposition de nom commémoratif – parc Susanna-Kemp

REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Community and Protective Services Committee recommend Council approve the proposal to name a future park, located in the Abbottsville Development, "Susanna Kemp Park".

RECOMMANDATIONS DU RAPPORT

Que le Comité des services communautaires et de protection recommande que le Conseil municipale approuve l'attribution du nom « Parc Susanna Kemp » à un futur parc du secteur d'aménagement Abbottsville.

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 Chief Building Official, the General Manager, Parks, Recreation and Cultural 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

Barbara Bottriell and Lesley McKay submitted an application to commemorate Susanna Kemp, as described in document 1. Under the proposal, a future park located in Stittsville would be named "Susanna Kemp Park".

The CNC met on February 6, 2017 to review the application and endorsed the proposed name under the following criterion:

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

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 the reconvening of the CNC for a second meeting. As there was no objection to the proposal raised during the consultation period, the proposal is being brought directly to the Community and Protective Services Committee.

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 February 7, 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 March 8, 2017. The City Clerk and Solicitor's Office received one comment in support of the application.

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

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.

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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: Susanna Kemp Park (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.

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Document 1 Susanna Kemp (Ward 6 – Stittsville)

In recognition of Susanna Kemp's historical significance to the Stittsville community, the City of Ottawa has been asked to name a future park in Stittsville, "Susanna Kemp Park".

A summary of the proposal, submitted by Barbara Bottriell and Lesley McKay is provided below:

Born in 1807 in Tipperary, Ireland, Susanna Clarke emigrated with her parents to Canada in 1819. In 1827 she married William Kemp and a year later, they began to farm the land that William had received as a Free Grant Military Emigrant. Sadly, by 1841 at the age of 34, Susanna became a widow and was left to tend to the farm and to raise seven children on her own.

To help support her young family, Susanna began offering rooms and food to travellers in her log home. She was so prosperous that the 1861 census listed her occupation as 'Innkeeper'. With the success of her venture, she was able to purchase additional land, and she and her eldest son John built 'Kemp's Tavern', as it came to be known, which became a base for the local militia, ever at the ready in case of Fenian attacks.

Their finely-crafted stone house still stands today as Cabotto's Restaurant on Hazeldean Road. Although the Great Fire of 1870 wiped out much of Stittsville and saw the town subsequently rebuilt further to the south, Susanna remained on her family's land until her death in 1890. Her home is truly one of Goulbourn Township's architectural gems.