

**Report to  
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**Community and Protective Services Committee  
Comité des services communautaires et de protection  
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**and Council  
et au Conseil  
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**Ward: INNES (2)**

**File Number: ACS2019-RCF-GEN-0015**

**SUBJECT: Commemorative Naming Proposal – Lois Kemp Arena**

**OBJET: Proposition de nom commémoratif – aréna Lois-Kemp**

**REPORT RECOMMENDATION**

**That the Community and Protective Services Committee recommend Council  
approve the proposal to name the Blackburn Arena, located at 190 Glen Park Dr  
the “Lois Kemp Arena”.**

## **RECOMMANDATION DU RAPPORT**

**Que le Comité des services communautaires et de protection recommande au Conseil d'approuver la proposition visant à ce que l'aréna de Blackburn, sis au 190, promenade Glen Park, sera « aréna Lois-Kemp ».**

## **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**

Doug MacQuarrie, on behalf of the Kemp family, has submitted an application to commemorate Lois Kemp, as described in Document 1. Under the proposal, the Blackburn Arena, located at 190 Glen Park Dr will be named the "Lois Kemp Arena";

The CNC met on August 14, 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 did not result in any objections, the Community and Protective Services Committee will consider the "Lois Kemp Arena" proposal directly.

## **RURAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no rural implications associated with this report.

## **CONSULTATION**

An integral part of the Commemorative Naming Process is public consultation. On August 14, 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 September 14, 2019. The Recreation, Cultural and Facility Services Department received 30 comments in support of the application.

## **COMMENTS BY THE WARD COUNCILLOR(S)**

I fully support naming the arena and the rink after Lois and Eldon Kemp, who were strong examples of leadership, sportsmanship, and volunteerism in our community.

## **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 the 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: Lois Kemp (Ward 2 – Innes)

## **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

**Lois Kemp (Ward 2 – Innes)**

In recognition of the excellence and exceptional service to the Canadian ringette community and Blackburn community, the City of Ottawa has received a proposal to name the “Blackburn Arena”, the “Lois Kemp Arena”. Lois was a trailblazer in the Ottawa Sporting community. A resident of Blackburn Corners for 72 years, Lois spearheaded the formation of Gloucester Ringette and was the founder of Blackburn Area News (BANAR). She invested her time and effort to enriching the Blackburn community; she volunteered with the Blackburn Girl Guides, was the Parade Marshall for the 40th Anniversary of the Fun Fair, co-founder and president of Gloucester Area Ladies Ringette Association, which is the largest adult ringette league in the world, and co-founder of the Silver Spoon Ladies Tournaments. A published author of a book titled “Gloucester Roots”, Lois was influential in inspiring girls and women in sports. She was the first woman inductee of the Gloucester Sports Club “Wall of Fame” and received the Ottawa Sports Lifetime Achievement Award. Her endless drive and passion for her community and her ringette legacy will live on for generations.