

- 4. Commemorative Naming Proposal – Dr. Émile Major**  
**Proposition de nom commémoratif – Parc Dr Émile-Major**

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

**That Council approve the proposal to name the anticipated Orléans Health Hub park, “Dr Émile Major Park”.**

**RECOMMANDATION DU COMITÉ**

**Que le Conseil approuve la proposition visant à ce que le futur parc du carrefour de la santé d'Orléans, sera le « parc Dr Émile-Major ».**

**DOCUMENTATION/DOCUMENTATION**

1. Luc Lavictoire, Manager, Business and Technical Support Services, dated August 26, 2021 (ACS2021-RCF-GEN-0013).  
  
Luc Lavictoire, Gestionnaire, Services de soutien technique et aux activités, daté le 26 août 2021 (ACS2021-RCF-GEN-0013)

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**and Council  
et au Conseil  
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**Ward: CUMBERLAND (19)**

**File Number: ACS2021-RCF-GEN-0013**

**SUBJECT: Commemorative Naming Proposal – Dr. Émile Major**

**OBJET: Proposition de nom commémoratif – Parc Dr Émile-Major**

## **REPORT RECOMMENDATION**

**That the Community and Protective Services Committee recommend Council approve the proposal to name the anticipated Orléans Health Hub park, “Dr Émile Major 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 du carrefour de la santé d’Orléans, sera le « parc Dr Émile-Major ».**

## **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 consideration 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 second CNC meeting.

## **DISCUSSION**

Louis Patry submitted an application to commemorate Dr. Émile Major, as described in Document 1. Under the proposal, the anticipated Orléans Health Hub park will be named the “Dr Émile Major Park”.

The CNC met on July 28, 2021 to review the application and endorsed the proposed name under the following criterion:

- The nominated individual has demonstrated excellence, courage, or exceptional service to the citizens of the City of Ottawa, the Province of Ontario and/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 reconvening a CNC meeting.

## **RURAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no rural implications associated with this report.

## **CONSULTATION**

An integral part of the Commemorative Naming Process is public consultation. On July 28, 2021, 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 August 26, 2021. The Recreation, Cultural and Facility Services Department received 63 comment(s) in support of the application and 0 comment(s) in opposition.

As the public consultation period did not result in any objections, the Community and Protective Services Committee will consider the “Dr. Émile Major” proposal directly.

## **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 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 – Dr. Émile Major Park (Ward 19 – Cumberland)

## **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

**Dr. Émile Major Park (Ward 19 – Cumberland)**

In recognition of extensive community service to the residents of Ottawa, the City has been asked to name the anticipated Orléans Health Hub park as Dr. Émile Major Park. Émile opened his general practice in Orléans in 1925. He practiced medicine at the Ottawa General Hospital, Saint-Vincent Hospital and Montfort Hospital. During his career, he carried out more than 1,000 deliveries. Highly dedicated, he made house calls day or night to treat the sick. Patients unable to pay would have their debt cancelled. In 1963, the Orléans Chamber of Commerce named him Citizen of the Year.