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5. Commemorative Naming Proposal – Joan O'Malley Park

Proposition de nom commémoratif – Parc Joan-O'Malley

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

That Council approve the proposal to name the Rideauview Community Centre Park located at 4310 Shoreline Drive, "Joan O'Malley Park".

RECOMMANDATION DU COMITÉ

Que le Conseil approuve la proposition visant à ce que le parc du centre communautaire Rideauview, situé au 4310, promenade Shoreline, sera le « parc Joan O'Malley ».

DOCUMENTATION/DOCUMENTATION

1. Luc Lavictoire, Manager, Business and Technical Support Services, dated August 26, 2021 (ACS2021-RCF-GEN-0015).

Luc Lavictoire, Gestionnaire, Services de soutien technique et aux activités, daté le 26 aout 2021 (ACS2021-RCF-GEN-0015)

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Report to Rapport au:

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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SUBJECT: Commemorative Naming Proposal – Joan O'Malley Park

OBJET: Proposition de nom commémoratif – Parc Joan-O'Malley

REPORT RECOMMENDATION

That the Community and Protective Services Committee recommend Council approve the proposal to name the Rideauview Community Centre Park located at 4310 Shoreline Drive, "Joan O'Malley 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 parc du centre communautaire Rideauview, situé au 4310, promenade Shoreline, sera le « parc Joan O'Malley ».

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;

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- 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.

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DISCUSSION

Darrell Bartraw submitted an application to commemorate Joan O'Malley, as described in Document 1. Under the proposal, the Rideauview Community Centre Park located at 4310 Shoreline Drive will be named the "Joan O'Malley Park".

The CNC met on July 28, 2021 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 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 23 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 "Joan O'Malley" proposal directly.

COMMENTS BY THE WARD COUNCILLOR(S)

The Ward Councillor is supportive of this recommendation.

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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 – Joan O'Malley Park (Ward 22 – Gloucester-South Nepean)

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

Joan O'Malley Park (Ward 22 – Gloucester-South Nepean)

In recognition of the historical significance to Canada, the City has been asked to name the Rideauview Community Centre Park, located at 4310 Shoreline Drive, Joan O'Malley Park. Joan is known as the woman who sewed Canada's first maple leaf flag. In 1964, Prime Minister Lester B. Pearson's government formed a Senate and House of Commons Committee to find a distinctive national flag. From about 5,900 submissions, the committee selected three designs for final consideration. On a Friday afternoon in the late autumn of 1964, the Prime Minister made an urgent request for prototypes of the three proposals to try out the following morning. Since no tailor could be found, 20-year-old Joan stitched the flags together, completing them shortly after midnight. She was initially told to keep her role secret and did not speak of her experience for 10 years, but her work was instrumental in developing the Canadian flag we know today.