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TO: City Council of Brampton

FROM: Jackie Duffus –

DATE: November 13, 2023

RE: Ceremonial Street Name

The purpose of this paper is to request for City Council of Brampton to consider a ceremonial street naming in honour of the late Maudlyn Biso, who silently served her community in the city of Brampton. Maudlyn resided at **Example 1** for over 30 years until her passing in January 2023.

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Maudlyn has been a trailblazer in serving others locally and globally for many years but today I would like to focus on what she brought to the City of Brampton and her passion in giving and serving others.

Her passing has left her neighbourhood in a state of loss due to her generosity, pleasant disposition and giving of herself to others, As I walked through the neighbourhood a couple weeks ago I am reminded by neighbours of how they missed not receiving vegetables and fruits from Maudlyn's beloved garden in her backyard and the beauty she brought to the area with her English Garden. She ensured that someone other than herself should have the first crop from her garden each year, even if you were a stranger passing by. She would also order in advance numerous amounts of squash and garlic from a farm in Brampton in the summer season and distributed them in the Fall to her neighbours and the community church she attended. To date, a number of folks commented on still having her garlic from last year. Every neighbour from Horsham to Gilingham were invited on different occasions to her home for fine dining. She was passionate about hospitality and ensuring that any new neighbours would always feel welcomed in the neighbourhood. She would always entertain you with a meal.

I am reminded by the neighbours of how she used to drop eggs off at their doorstep if they were not home, on a weekly basis (eggs were supplied by a farm in Aurora or Newmarket. I can't remember which of the city) and each week she would travel to retrieve these eggs and distributed them in her neighbourhood in Brampton and Toronto where she served for many years as well. I myself, along with her, would go shopping religiously on Saturdays where she would buy bags of groceries and distributes to her neighbours and community church in Brampton to those in need, to those who are trying to make ends meet and also to those not so much in need but in so doing it gives them a sense of someone caring and thinking about them. She was passionate about loving people regardless of creed, culture or race.

Maudlyn created a comfortable space and positive attitude for all whereby neighbours knew they could drop by at any time of day, and she would gladly welcome them and allow for them to unlock their thoughts of family crisis or personal issues. Her positive attitude and magnet-like

personality attracted everyone to her. One would leave her presence with a better outlook on lift all because of her pleasant disposition and expression of love.

In the neighbourhood she would be the first, and probably the only one, to visit you if you were sick. She would prepare a meal for you and ensures that she follows up on how you were doing. She would also be the first and mostly likely again the only person on the block who would welcome you as a new neighbour.

In her twenty six years of retirement, as a senior, she paid special attention to seniors in her community. When the unfortunate end of life palliative care is needed on Murray Street and beyond, again she would be the one who would regularly prepare meals at her home for them and when such individual could no longer tolerate solids she would shift gear and started pureeing the meal and feeding them herself. On more than one occasions this was done for different families on Murray Street. If you were working from home she would also prepare a well-balanced meal for your lunch and present it to you. She was totally passionate about serving others both near and far.

Always giving a second chance – on one occasion she went as far as giving a second chance to a male ex-convict she had visited in prison a place in her home after his discharge, so that he could make a change in life and for him to know that someone cares.

In conclusion, the late Rev. Maudlyn Biso was and is my mother and friend. I met her when I was 15 years old, going through my teenage crisis and family issues. I went to spend a weekend at her home in Toronto and shortly thereafter moving with her to Brampton. This weekend led to living with her for 19 years. At the time, she was an absolute stranger to me but I felt her passionate love for people and I held on to it. I became who I am today because of her,

Now that she is no longer with us, it is her example of volunteering and giving of herself to others that have led me in the direction of now recently giving back to my community in Brampton by volunteering for Meals on Wheels and supplying 50 lunch bags per month to the less fortunate (Knights Table/Regeneration Outreach Brampton). This contribution comes from the inheritance I received from her. I endeavor for her legacy to stay alive and to seek for other organizations to which I can help on behalf of her.

Comments from three of many individual who have benefited from her contribution:

- 1. "I think of her often. I see the garlic and she makes me smile. Our lives, how we live make such an imprint on peoples' lives."
- 2. "We are grateful and truly blessed for Rev. Lyn. She was an angel to both our parents, providing love, comfort and hope through the hardest time of their lives. She will be missed and now she is a real angel."

3. - "I don't have anyone to talk with"

In the days when not being politically correct was not an issue she would see a Police Officer on the street and approach him/her and verbally extend her appreciation for the work they were doing. When entering a store, if one worker looked sad or just having a bad day she would recognized it and asked "as anyone told you something nice today, and then she would say "I love you." This of course brought a smile to their face.

Very unique, caring and genuine person she was. She has left a footprint in many, many lives. The folks on Murray Street and surrounding areas will always remember her contribution but for those who will be living on Murray Street in the future will never know of her contribution unless they are told, so it is for this reason I would also like for a ceremonial street name to be granted that others may have an example to follow.

Maudlyn was truly dedicated to the cause of reaching out to others in her community and beyond.

Thank you for your consideration to this matter. I look forward to hearing from the team ASAP.

Yours truly,

Jackie Duffus



COUNCIL OF BRAMPTON:

WE THE RESIDENTS OF MURRAY STREET ARE IN AGREEMENT IN HONOURING THE LATE MAUDLYN (LYN) BISO OF MURRAY STREET FOR HER CONTRIBUTION AND SPIRIT OF GIVING TO HER COMMUNITY FOR OVER 30 YEARS. WE ARE REQUESTING MURRAY STREET (BETWEEN HORSHAM AND GILLINGHAM) TO HAVE A CEREMONIAL NAME AS "MAUDLYN WAY" IN HONOURING HER

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