



Report
Staff Report
 The Corporation of the City of Brampton
 4/10/2024

Date: 2024-03-25

Subject: **Renaming Loafer's Lake Park to Paul Palleschi Park - Ward 2**

Contact: Ed Fagan, Director, Parks Maintenance & Forestry

Report number: Community Services-2024-306

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That the report from Ed Fagan, Director, Parks Maintenance & Forestry to the Committee of Council Meeting of April 10, 2024, re: **Renaming Loafer's Lake Park to Paul Palleschi Park – Ward 2** be received; and
2. That the recommendation to rename Loafer's Lake Park to Paul Palleschi Park be approved.

OVERVIEW:

- This report seeks approval to rename Loafer's Lake Park in Ward 2, to Paul Palleschi Park in recognition of former Councillor Paul Palleschi's service to the community.
- August 10, 2022, Council approved staff's recommendation to rename Loafer's Lake Recreation Centre to Paul Palleschi Recreation Centre.
- March 20, 2024, Council received a Brampton resident delegation to rename Loafer's Lake Park to Paul Palleschi Park.
- The renaming request aligns with the City of Brampton's Renaming Policy and will undergo a (30) day commenting period, upon Council's approval.
- Staff estimates the costs for this initiative to be approximately \$2,400. Sufficient funding is available in the Parks Maintenance & Forestry division operating budget.

BACKGROUND:

For almost 30 years Paul Palleschi served as a Regional Councillor within the City of Brampton. During his time, he dedicatedly led Brampton residents to actively participate in the city's future and was committed to creating a thriving and sustainable community.

His representation and advocacy for various initiatives including but not limited to, Peel Housing Corporation, emergency communications and medical services, allowed him to leave a significant impact in the City of Brampton.

At the August 10, 2022 City Council Meeting, Council approved staff's recommendation to rename Loafer's Lake Recreation Centre to Paul Palleschi Recreation Centre. The facility's new name was unveiled on October 10, 2023, in recognition of former Councillor Paul Palleschi's service to the community.

At the March 20, 2024 Committee of Council Meeting, Council received a delegation from Brampton resident, Molly McGuckin to rename Loafer's Lake Park to Paul Palleschi Park.

CURRENT SITUATION:

Loafers Lake Park located in Ward 2 features the following amenities:

- Playground
- Fitness stations
- Soccer field
- Walking trail

To further commemorate Paul Palleschi's great contributions to the city, staff recommend that Loafer's Lake Park, be renamed to Paul Palleschi Park.

This will align with the newly renamed Paul Palleschi Recreation Centre and is in accordance with the City of Brampton's Asset Naming Policy.

Staff estimates the cost for renaming signage to be approximately \$2,400.

Next Steps

Upon the approval of renaming Loafer's Lake Park to Paul Palleschi Park, a (30) day Public Commentary period will commence for public input. Parks Maintenance & Forestry staff will work with internal stakeholders, Members of Council and community representatives for the unveiling of the new park name.

CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS:**Financial Implications:**

Staff estimates the costs for this initiative to be approximately \$2,400. Sufficient funding is available in the Parks Maintenance & Forestry division operating budget.

Communications Implications

Upon approval of the selected park name, there will be a (30) day Public Commentary period for residents to provide feedback on the Council approved renaming decision. The coordination of a ceremonial renaming event will commence after the public commentary period has concluded.

STRATEGIC FOCUS AREA:

- **Government & Leadership:** Focusing on service excellence through the continued legacy of naming city assets after outstanding individuals, who have positively impacted the City of Brampton's image by shaping its history, diversity and citizenry.

CONCLUSION:

Loafer's Lake Park has been recommended to be renamed Paul Palleschi Park in honor of former Regional Councillor Paul Palleschi. The renaming of the park would further contribute to upholding Paul Palleschi's legacy and his great impacts within the City of Brampton.

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