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Subject: **Request for Park Naming – "Duncan" or "Norman Duncan" Park**

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Recommendations:

1. That the report titled: **Request for Park Naming – "Duncan" or "Norman Duncan" Park**, to the Committee of Council meeting of January 20, 2021, be received; and

2. That Committee consider and provide direction regarding the following asset name request for a future park or park asset:
   a. Duncan Park or Norman Duncan Park.

Overview:

- **A number of requested street and park names have been submitted, since the start of the Council term from members of the public to commemorate Brampton's history and/or cultural diversity.**

- **A request was submitted in September 2019 to name a street or park (or pond or trail segment) after the Duncan family name, a pioneering farm family that settled within the Toronto Gore Township area, now generally part of Ward 8.**

- **The request (Duncan Street) was first considered with a number of street name requests in 2020 through the Peel Street Naming Committee. The Committee refused the name given there were too many streets already within Peel Region with the same first three (3) letters ("Dun") due to potential operational impacts on the emergency services addressing response system. This was reported to Committee in a report at the December 2, 2020, Committee of Council meeting.**

- **The use of Duncan Park may potentially lead to confusion with existing park assets all named within the same valley system in area northeast of Cottrelle Boulevard and The Gore Road:**

    - **Duncan Foster Pond South**
    - **Duncan Foster Pond West**
    - **Duncan Foster Valley South**

- **A revised request for Norman Duncan Park, if Duncan Park is not possible, has been made by the requestor and has been reviewed by City staff as not conflicting with the existing park asset names, and is in keeping with the City's Asset Naming Policy.**

- **A delegation to Committee of Council is scheduled for the January 20 meeting and Committee may consider naming a future park, pond or trail segment after "Duncan" or "Norman Duncan."**

Background:

In the fall of 2019, the City received a request to name a street or park in the area of Goreway Drive after the Duncan Family, a pioneering family that settled in the area in the 1880s. The name "Duncan" was provided to the Peel Street Naming Committee in late 2020 with other requested street names. "Duncan" was not approved by the Committee based on the "Too Many" policy (in the operation of the emergency services addressing response system, the first three letters of a street name are entered with a maximum of 30 street names viewable at one time; any over 30 street names starting with the same first three letters no longer approved). This was reported to Committee in a staff report on various street and park name requests on December 2, 2020.

The requestor for the name "Duncan" requested an opportunity to delegate to Committee of Council on this request, but was not provided sufficient notice to do so and requested that this matter be considered at a future Committee meeting in January 2021. This request was verbally conveyed to Committee on December 2.

The requestor is still requesting the City to consider the name "Duncan" or "Norman Duncan" for a future park, pond or trail name in the City, preferably in the area of Goreway Drive where the original family settled, now part of Ward 8.

This report provides the information for Committee's consideration in the naming request. A delegation from the requestor is also scheduled for the January 20 Committee meeting.

Current Situation:

Appendix 1 outlines the original request for use of "Duncan" as a street or park name to commemorate this pioneering family that settled in the former Township of Toronto Gore, now part of the City of Brampton, Ward 8.

The City already has existing park assets named within the same valley system northeast of Cottrelle Boulevard and The Gore Road, as follows:

- Duncan Foster Pond South (stormwater management pond; 127 Bellchase Trail)
- Duncan Foster Pond West (stormwater management pond; 9499 The Gore Road)
- Duncan Foster Valley South (valley system component)

Naming another park asset as Duncan Park may lead to some confusion. Naming a park, pond or trail feature as "Norman Duncan" may be less confusing. The use of the name "Duncan" or "Norman Duncan" to name a City asset is in keeping with the Asset Naming Policy that allows commemoration for the history of the City.

It is appropriate for Committee of Council to consider and provide direction regarding the naming for a future park or park asset as "Duncan" or "Norman Duncan."

Corporate Implications:

Financial Implications:

There are no direct financial implications from this report. Naming requests and Council decisions on asset naming and re-naming will generally be accommodated within approved department budgets.

Other Implications: nil

Term of Council Priorities:

This report supports the Term of Council priorities of a Well-Run City and celebrating our Mosaic by facilitating community engagement in building our City that is reflective of its diverse communities and history.

Conclusion:

This report provides information to Committee regarding a request to name a City park, pond or trail segment with the name "Duncan" or "Norman Duncan" to commemorate a pioneering family that settled in the former Township of Toronto Gore, today now generally part of Ward 8 within the City.

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Attachments:

Appendix 1 – Background information provided by Requestor to Commemorate the Duncan Family in Brampton