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Subject: **Naming the Bob Callahan Flower City Seniors Centre**

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Recommendations:

1. That the staff report titled: Naming the Bob Callahan Flower City Seniors Centre, to the Committee of Council Meeting of October 7, 2020, be received.
2. That signage be added to the Flower City Seniors Centre to formally name the facility as the Bob Callahan Flower City Seniors Centre; and
3. That, upon successful completion of the public commenting period, staff be directed to install appropriate facility signage and undertake notifications for addressing, mapping, operations and emergency services regarding the new Facility name.

Overview:

- **At the August 5, 2020 Council meeting, Correspondence from former Alderman Rosemary Miller and former Councillor Terry Miller (Appendix 1) requested Council add former Councillor Robert “Bob” Callahan’s name to the Flower City Seniors Centre. Subsequently, Council passed a Resolution to consider renaming the Flower City Seniors Centre after former Councillor Bob Callahan.**
- **The Council Reference Committee, consisting of the Wards 3 and 4 Councillors and representation from the Mayor’s Office met with Recreation Services staff on September 24, 2020 to consider the renaming and recommended that “Bob Callahan” be added to the name of the Flower City Seniors Centre. Recreation staff concurred with the recommendation and will proceed with implementation pending Council’s final authorization.**

- **This report reports recommends Council formally name the facility as the Bob Callahan Flower City Seniors Centre.**

Background:

Resolution C294-2020, adopted at the August 5 City Council meeting, requested the following:

WHEREAS Mr. Bob Callahan was a former Member of Brampton City Council from 1969-1985 and 1997 to 2014, representing Ward 3; and was a Member of Provincial Parliament from 1985-1995 representing the constituency of Brampton South;

WHEREAS during his time as an elected official, he was instrumental in the development of many of Brampton's institutions, including the Peel Heritage Complex, the current City Hall, the Rose Theatre, the Gage Park skating trail, the Powerade Centre (now the CAA Centre), Alderlea, the South Fletchers Hockey Complex, the double tracking for the GO Trains, the new courthouse and the Brampton Civic Hospital;

WHEREAS Mr. Callahan has lived in Brampton since 1966;

WHEREAS Mr. Callahan served the community in many volunteer positions including coaching young lacrosse players, as a Board Member of the St. Leonard's House and the Peel Memorial Hospital, and an active member of the Conservation Authority;

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario named him a Queen's Counsel, in recognition of his exceptional merit and contribution to the legal profession;

WHEREAS he championed many issues in the City but primarily focused on the needs and wellbeing of the seniors' population, and being a member of the Brampton Senior Council at Flower City;

WHEREAS adding Mr. Callahan's name to a city asset such as the Flower City Seniors Centre, would acknowledge both his immense contribution to the Centre and his decades of faithful service to the citizens of Brampton;

WHEREAS the City of Brampton's Asset Naming Policy was approved in March, 2019 and Mr. Callahan fits the criteria and meets the requirements;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- a) Add Bob Callahan's name to the Flower City Seniors Centre;
- b) City of Brampton staff report back on any implications they see and/or may arise; and
- c) The naming of the Flower City Seniors Centre happen as soon as possible.

Attached as Appendix 1 to this report is the Correspondence from former Alderman Rosemary Miller and former Councillor Terry Miller requested Council add former Councillor Robert "Bob" Callahan's name to the Flower City Seniors Centre.

Current Situation:

Former Councillor Bob Callahan served on Brampton City Council over 10 different terms for a total of 31 years.

Term	Office	Ward(s)	Years
1974 (Jan) - 1977 (Dec)	Alderman	3	4
1977 (Jan) - 1978 (Dec)	Alderman	3	2
1978 (Jan) - 1980 (Dec)	Alderman	3	3
1980 (Dec) - 1982 (Nov)	Alderman	3	2
1982 (Dec) - 1985 (Nov)	Alderman	3	3
1997 (Dec) - 2000 (Nov)	City Councillor	3	3
2000 (Dec) - 2003 (Nov)	City Councillor	3	3
2003 (Dec) - 2006 (Nov)	City Councillor	3 and 4	3
2006 (Dec) - 2010 (Nov)	City Councillor	3 and 4	4
2010 (Dec) - 2014 (Nov)	City Councillor	3 and 4	4

Prior to the City of Brampton incorporation in 1974, Bob Callahan served on the Council of the former Town of Brampton from 1969. Bob Callahan also represented Brampton as a Member of Provincial Parliament for a decade between 1985 and 1995. Commemorating the former Councillor with the facility naming is consistent with the City's Asset Naming Policy for someone representing the City and serving its citizens for almost half a century.

The Council Reference Committee, including Councillor Medeiros and Bowman and representation from the Mayor's Office, met with Recreation Division staff on September 24, 2020 to consider the name addition. Staff advised that adding the name to the existing facility name – Flower City Seniors Centre – would incur minimal costs and implications.

Pending Council's decision, the facility name addition will be available for a public commenting period of 30-days while facility signage is added and a naming ceremony planned.

Corporate Implications:

Financial Implications:

Staff will erect temporary signage on an interim basis which can be absorbed through current operating budget, but through 2021 budget submission will request additional money for permanent signage required.

Other Implications:

None.

Term of Council Priorities:

This report achieves the Strong Communities priority by celebrating and recognizing Brampton's history.

Conclusion:

Naming the Bob Callahan Flower City Seniors Centre commemorates a distinguished public servant who represented the City for almost 50 years as one of the City's longest serving elected representatives.

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Attachments:

Appendix 1 Correspondence from former Alderman Rosemary Miller and former Councillor Terry Miller, received at August 5, 2020 City Council Meeting