

**Date:** 2020-10-21

**Subject:** **Park Naming – Swingbridge Park (Ward 4)**

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**Report Number:** Community Services-2020-303

**Recommendations:**

1. That the report from Steve Bodrug, Sr. Manager, Park Planning & Development, date October 21, 2020, to the Committee of Council Meeting of November 18, 2020, titled: **Park Naming – Swingbridge Park (Ward 4)** be received;
2. That Council approve the naming of the future park at 8224 Creditview Road as Swingbridge Park; and
3. That the name Swingbridge Park be used in all official signage and promotional material related to the park development.

**Overview:**

- **This report is in response to the recent acquisition of 8224 Creditview Road and the Letter of Intent, Appendix B, dated April 23, 2015, under which the Owners of 8224 Creditview Road would be prepared to sell the property to the City.**
- **One of the items in the Letter of Intent was “That the Property will be named by the Buyer recognizing the name associated with the long term occupancy by the owners”.**

- **Through negotiations with the Owners, the name “Swingbridge Park” was proposed by the Owners as there had been in the past a cable bridge built by the Owners’ father that spanned the Credit River.**
- **Additionally, another item in the Letter of Intent stated “That the Buyer, at the Buyer’s expense, shall install signs at the entrances to the property using the standard City park signage, and the design approved by the Owner, such approval not being unreasonably withheld”.**
- **This report requests Council approval to name the future park as “Swingbridge Park”.**

### **Background:**

The Property is located north of Steeles Avenue West and immediately south of Eldorado Park and the Credit River (please see Appendix A for a map of the Property). The Property was privately co-owned by members of the Morinis, Roden, and Basset families (the “Owners”).

The site is approximately 29 acres (11.73 ha) in size, and in 2014, the Property was identified as a potential candidate for funding from the Region of Peel’s Greenlands Securement Program (“Program”). Staff from Brampton, the Region of Peel and Credit Valley Conservation identified the site as a priority property, which would be beneficial to have in public ownership to improve the long-term sustainability of the Credit Valley. To this end, staff identified the Property as a candidate for funding under the Region’s Program, subject to Regional CAO approval.

At its meeting on April 8, 2015, City Council authorized staff to undertake due diligence studies and enter into negotiations with the Owners for the purposes of acquiring the land for conservation purposes (CPS014-2016).

A Letter of Intent, dated April 15, 2015, from the Owners was provided to the City which outlined the basic terms and conditions under which the Owners would be prepared to sell the property to the City. One of the items in the Letter of Intent was “That the Property will be named by the Buyer recognizing the name associated with the long term occupancy by the Owners”.

Additionally, another item in the Letter of Intent stated “That the Buyer, at the Buyer’s expense, shall install signs at the entrances to the property using the standard City park signage, and the design approved by the Owners, such approval not being unreasonably withheld”.

The initial proposed name of “Homestead Park” by the Owners was not possible as the name was already taken by another park in the Region. Through the negotiations with the Owners, the name “Swingbridge Park” was proposed by the Owners as there had

been in the past a cable bridge built by the Owners' father that spanned the Credit River.

### **Current Situation:**

The City's purchase of 8224 Crediview Road closed on September 28, 2020.

The property received Regional CAO approval for Greenlands Securement Program funding of \$250,000.00 on August 19, 2020.

The limits of the outdoor lands to be named and outdoor program for the facility will be developed through the design stages and will be informed by the recommendations of the 2017 Parks and Recreation Master Plan (PRMP).

The naming of the park as "**Swingbridge Park**" is consistent with the criteria outlined within the Asset Naming Policy PND-110 (CW102-2019, C067-2019).

Interpretive signage within the park would provide an opportunity for recognition of the families for their contribution to the preservation of Brampton's natural heritage. Wording to the effect of, "**A legacy of the Morinis, Roden, and Bassett families**" has been proposed by the previous owners to be included in the interpretive signage.

### **Corporate Implications:**

#### Financial Implications:

None.

### **Term of Council Priorities:**

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

#### Council Priority – Brampton is a Green City

The naming of the future park to "**Swingbridge Park**" recognizes the contributions of the Morinis, Roden, and Basset families to the preservation of Brampton natural heritage.

**Conclusion:**

The naming of the future park located at 8224 Creditview Road as “**Swingbridge Park**” recognizes the contributions of the Morinis, Roden and Basset families to the preservation of Brampton natural heritage.

Staff is seeking Council’s approval of the name so that it may be used during design development and on all official signage and promotional material.

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**Attachments:**

Appendix A: Map of “Swingbridge Park”

Appendix B: Vendor’s Letter of Intent, Appendix B (April 23, 2015)