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Subject: **Asset Naming – Recommended Location for Sagarmatha Park – Ward 3 (RM 4/2023)**

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Recommendations:

1. That the report from Parks Maintenance & Forestry Division to the City Council Meeting of June 28, 2023, re: **Asset Naming – Recommended Location for Sagarmatha Park - Ward 3 (RM 4/2023)**, be received;
2. That the park currently named Havelock Park be named Sagarmatha Park; and
3. That, upon successful completion of the public commenting period, staff be directed to erect appropriate park signage and undertake notifications for addressing, mapping, operations and emergency services regarding the new park name.

Overview:

- At the February 22, 2023 Committee of Council meeting, the delegation from the Federation of Canada Nepal Chamber of Commerce was received to have an existing or future park in Wards 3 or 4 named Sagarmatha Park.
- The renaming of the park would recognize the Nepalese community and their great contribution to the City of Brampton.
- The Wards 3 & 4 Reference Committee (comprised of Mayor Brown, Councillor Keenan and Councillor Medeiros) considered possible parks and recommended the naming of Havelock Park to be named Sagarmatha Park in consultation with the Federation of Canada Nepal Chamber of Commerce representatives.
- A 30-day public consultation commenting period will start in accordance with the City's Asset Naming Policy.

Background:

At the February 22, 2023 Committee of Council meeting, the delegation from the Federation of Canada Nepal Chamber of Commerce was received to have an existing or future park in Wards 3 or 4 named Sagarmatha Park.

The park renaming would recognize the Nepalese community and their great contribution to the City of Brampton. Sagarmatha is a Nepali word for Mount Everest, the highest mountain peak in the world. Tenzing Norgay from Nepal was one of the first individuals to successfully climb Mount Everest in 1953, which is of significance importance to the Nepalese community.

In addition to the park renaming, staff were also directed to include the feasibility of adding a children's climbing equipment within the selected park for all youth to utilize along with outdoor fitness equipment.

Current Situation:

Options for candidate parks in Wards 3 & 4 were reviewed and Havelock Park was selected to be renamed, in consultation with the Wards 3 & 4 Reference Committee.

Havelock Park is located in Ward 3 and currently has the following amenities:

- Children's Playground
- Shade Shelter
- Walkway Trail
- Baseball Diamond

Next Steps

Upon the approval of renaming Havelock Park to Sagarmatha 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 a ceremonial renaming event.

Staff will collaborate with the Wards 3&4 Reference Committee and the Nepalese community group, to develop a detailed plan for a children's rock climbing wall and outdoor fitness equipment.

Corporate Implications:

Financial Implications:

Sufficient funding is available for this initiative through either Parks Maintenance and Forestry's existing capital projects or Park Enhancement Funds as deemed appropriate. If required, departmental staff will ensure sufficient funds are requested through the subsequent budget submissions for this initiative, subject to Council approval.

Other 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.

Term of Council Priorities:

- Brampton is a Mosaic – Celebrating Brampton’s diversity by engaging and communicating with diverse groups, supporting cultural events and developing a holistic framework to embed diversity across the City
- Brampton is a Healthy and Safe City - Continuing to design and build accessible spaces and play elements to residents of all ages and abilities

Conclusion:

Havelock Park has been selected to be renamed Sagarmatha Park in recognition of the Nepalese community and their great contributions to the city of Brampton. Staff will collaborate with Wards 3 & 4 Reference Committee and the Nepalese community group to develop a detailed plan for a children’s rock climbing wall and outdoor fitness equipment.

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Attachments:

- Appendix A - Map of Park Location