Present: Councillor M. Pearson, Chair
Councillors T. Jackson, S. Merulla,

Absent with 
Regrets: Councillor L. Ferguson – City Business
Councillor T. Whitehead – City Business

Also Present: Councillor J. Partridge

THE FACILITY NAMING SUB-COMMITTEE PRESENTS REPORT 12-002 AND RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS:

1. Renaming of Waterdown North Wetland Trails to John MacLennan Wetland Trails (PW12075) (Ward 15)

That the request to rename the area commonly know as “Waterdown North Wetland Trails” to the “John MacLennan Wetland Trails”, attached as Appendix A to Facility Naming Report 12-002, be approved at this time as this request meets the criteria set out in the Municipal Property and Building Naming Policy.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF COMMITTEE:

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)

The agenda was approved, as presented.

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)

None
(c) APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (Item 3)

The minutes from the May 3, 2012 meeting were approved.

(d) DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 4)

(i) Renaming of Waterdown North Wetland Trails to John MacLennan Wetland Trails (PW12075) (Ward 15) (Item 4.1)

Staff gave an overview of the report, and the impact that Mr. MacLennan had on the development of the trail.

Councillor Partridge indicated her support for the renaming of the trail, and spoke of the good work Mr. MacLennan had done in the Flamborough/Waterdown area.

(e) NEW BUSINESS (Item 5)

(i) Gallery of Distinction Nominations (Outstanding Business List)

Staff indicated that the Gallery of Distinction is receptive to having the City put forward names of individuals, when they have their Call for Nominations.

Outstanding Business List Item D respecting Staff liaising with the Gallery of Distinction respecting the City putting forth suggestions for the Wall of Distinction was removed, as the item is complete.

(f) ADJOURNMENT (Item 5)

There being no further business, the Facility Naming Sub-Committee adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor M. Pearson, Chair
Facility Naming Sub-Committee

Christopher Newman
Legislative Coordinator
### Executive Summary

This report responds to a request from the Hamilton-Wentworth Stewardship Council in 2012, that staff investigate the possibility of renaming Waterdown North Wetland Trails after City of Hamilton resident Mr. John MacLennan.

Mr. MacLennan was a founding member of the Hamilton-Wentworth Stewardship Council and was instrumental in the development of the Waterdown North Wetland Trails.

The Waterdown North Wetland Trails is a multi-use recreational trail system located north of Waterdown, Ontario on 190 acres of land formerly owned by the Town of Flamborough and now the City of Hamilton. The Trails begin in Joe Sams Leisure Park and continue South through Leisure Park Open Space to Parkside Drive.

### Alternatives for Consideration - See Page 4
Financial: There are no financial implications for this recommendation as the Hamilton-Wentworth Stewardship Council is prepared and committed to covering the costs associated with replacing signage.

Staffing: Park staff will be required to install and maintain the signage as part of the regular park maintenance activities.

Legal: There are no legal implications.

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

Waterdown North Wetland Trails

The Waterdown North Wetland Trails is a multi-use recreational trail system located north of Waterdown, Ontario on 190 acres of land formerly owned by the Town of Flamborough and now the City of Hamilton. The Trails begin in Joe Sams Leisure Park, 752 Centre Road, and continue South through Leisure Park Open Space to Parkside Drive.

The Waterdown North Wetland encompasses a few small swamps along the Grindstone Creek immediately north of the community of Waterdown. The wetland area is approximately 82 hectares in size consisting of broadleaf swamps. These small swamps are part of a larger wetland complex, the Lake Medad Valley Swamp. Together, these wetlands form a Provincially Significant Class 1 (highest ranking) Wetland Complex.

The trail system project was initiated by the Hamilton-Wentworth Stewardship Council and directed by members of the Waterdown North Wetland Trails Steering Committee. The Steering Committee consists of representatives of the Stewardship Council, Conservation Halton, Hamilton Conservation Authority, Waterdown Rod & Gun Club, the Town of Flamborough Pedestrians and Trails Happening Safely (PATHS) Committee and other volunteers from the community. The completion of the Trails was made possible through the strong commitment, resourcefulness, and leadership of Mr. John MacLennan, Chair of the Steering Committee.

The official opening of the Waterdown North Wetland Trails took place on Saturday June 2, 2001 before one hundred people. The event included remarks from John MacLennan, followed by Ancaster-Dundas-Flamborough-Aldershot MPP, Ted McMeekin, and Kevin Keith, Director of Parks for the City of Hamilton. A message was also read from the Honourable Herb Gray, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister responsible for the Government of Canada’s Millennium Initiative.

Mr. John MacLennan

Born and raised in Hamilton, Mr. John MacLennan was a continual inspiration to his friends and colleagues and he worked tirelessly on many environmental projects in the Hamilton area. As a founding member of the Hamilton-Wentworth Stewardship Council,
Mr. MacLennan attracted many people to get involved in community efforts to improve our natural heritage.

Mr. MacLennan was a member of the Conservation Halton's Board of Directors from 2001 to 2010 representing the City of Hamilton as a citizen appointee. As a determined, committed and resourceful environmentalist, Mr. MacLennan played a crucial part in the development of the Waterdown North Wetland Trails. His goal was to protect natural areas that provided for the growth and development of native plants, wildlife, fish, and birds. Mr. MacLennan was also a strong believer that nature, personal health, and well-being went hand in hand and was a fierce proponent of using nature as an education tool.

Mr. John MacLennan earned a degree from McMaster University in physical education, followed by a teaching certificate from the Ontario Teachers College. As a result of his teaching abilities, Mr. MacLennan was the recipient of numerous awards over the years.

♦ In 1993, he received the Pete Beach Award for educators who have a positive influence on students' lives.
♦ In 2000, he was inducted into McMaster University's Athletic Hall of Fame.
♦ In 2010 he was recipient of an award celebrating significant people in the community who made contributions to athletics and leadership.

Thanks to Mr. MacLennan's personal devotion and dedication, the citizens of Hamilton are able to take pleasure in the many activities available at the Waterdown North Wetland Trails, be it cycling, skating, jogging, walking or just surrounding themselves with the tranquility that the Trails have to offer.

Mr. John MacLennan passed away suddenly on December 3, 2011.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

This naming request can be considered as per the City of Hamilton Municipal Property and Building Naming Policy. The request meets the Policy Naming Criteria and Guidelines as set out in Section 4. (b) (iii) as detailed in the Analysis/Rationale for Recommendation section of this report.

RELEVANT CONSULTATION

Members of the Hamilton-Wentworth Stewardship Council, Conservation Halton, Grindstone Church, Ministry of Natural Resources, M.P.P. Ted McMeekin, and Ward 15 Councillor, Judi Partridge, have all provided background information on Mr. MacLennan's contributions. Approval has been received from the MacLennan family for this dedication.
ANALYSIS / RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

Policy Requirements

Council, at its meeting of December 14, 2005 approved the Strategic Planning and Budgets Report 05-014 which included Report 05-006 of the Facility Naming Subcommittee Item 8.3 “City of Hamilton Municipal Property and Building Naming Policy”.

This policy serves to establish guidelines and regulations for the naming of municipal property and buildings in the City of Hamilton.

The City of Hamilton Municipal Property and Building Naming Policy has three accepted categories from which proposed names of municipal properties and buildings may be selected: geographic, historic, and prominent individuals/organizations (listed in priority order).

The Prominent Individual/Organization category, Section 4. (b) (iii), states that, names affiliated with individuals or organizations may include, but are not limited to individuals who, in a voluntary or philanthropic capacity, have made a significant contribution in the area of public service on a local, national, or international scale.

The following paragraphs document the contributions of Mr. John MacLennan:

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ALTERNATIVES FOR CONSIDERATION

Committee may choose to deny the request; rename the park after Mr. John MacLennan by another name; or rename the park after another individual.
CORPORATE STRATEGIC PLAN


Environmental Stewardship

- Natural resources are protected and enhanced
- Aspiring to the highest environmental standards

Healthy Community

- An engaged Citizenry
- Individuals who make significant contributions to our Community/City are valued and appreciated.

APPENDICES / SCHEDULES

Appendix A - Aerial view of Waterdown North Wetland Trails
Joe Sams Leisure Park - Waterdown North Wetland Trails