MINUTES
FACILITY NAMING SUB-COMMITTEE
9:00 a.m.
Thursday, May 29, 2008
Committee Room 207
Hamilton Convention Centre
1 Summers Lane, Hamilton

Present: Councillors M. Pearson (Chair), T. Jackson (Vice-Chair), B. Clark and D. Mitchell

Absent with Regrets: T. Whitehead (personal)

Also Present: P. Smith, Parks Maintenance Division
M. Meyer, Legislative Assistant, Clerk’s Office

FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE COMMITTEE:

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)

There were no changes noted.

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)

There were none declared.

(c) APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (Item 3)

(Clark/Jackson)
The minutes of the Facility Naming Sub-Committee meeting held on November 8, 2007 were adopted, as presented.

CARRIED
(d) Outstanding Business (Item 4.1)

(i) Outstanding Business List Item “A”—Ancaster Landfill Site – Proposed Renaming to the Edward Y. Morwick Community Park

This item was deferred to the next meeting.

Patricia Smith advised Committee that, if this item is approved, the Ancaster Youth Soccer Club has offered to maintain the site annually at their expense during a five-year term, based on the City of Hamilton’s maintenance expectations.

(ii) Outstanding Business List Item “B”—Proposed Naming of the Ancaster Community Centre – The Wade Centre

Committee agreed that this item should be kept tabled and the date removed until after the City of Hamilton Municipal Property and Building Name Policy has been reviewed.

(iii) Outstanding Business List Item “C”—Proposed Amendment to the City of Hamilton Municipal Property and Building Name Policy

Committee referred to Item (f) of Facility Naming Sub-Committee Report 07-002 and discussed the policy of naming facilities after living individuals. Comments included, but were not limited to, the following:

- There should be a differentiation between Mayors who served the community for a lifetime versus those who served the community for one term.
- Mayors in the former rural municipalities, as well as the former municipality of Hamilton, did not have many facilities named after them.
- Perhaps there should be a list of individuals, living or deceased, and certain buildings should be allotted to the list and dedicated at the appropriate time.

Patricia Smith outlined the options contained in Item (d) of Facility Naming Sub-Committee Report 07-002.

On a motion (Mitchell/Jackson), staff were directed to forward a copy of the current policy and the options outlined in the Information Report to Committee members for review prior to the next meeting.

Committee also requested clarification with respect to the amendment to the City of Hamilton Municipal Property and Building Naming Policy that was referred to the Facility Naming Sub-Committee by Council in March 2006. Specifically, Committee requested information on the process by
which information is obtained on whether nearby property owners or affiliated organizations support a name change.

(iv) Outstanding Business List Item “D”— Proposed Naming of the Oriole Crescent Play Structure to be Named the “Don Gray Place”

Staff were requested to look into this matter, as a report on this item may have already been approved.

(v) Outstanding Business List Item “E”— Feasibility of Naming an Existing Park after the Late Mr. Ernie Seager

Patricia Smith advised that one or two possible locations have been investigated, but there are no new parks available at this time. Committee suggested that the small parkette in downtown Stoney Creek near the fountain be investigated as a possible location.

Committee also suggested that staff provide a list of the projects in which Mr. Seager was involved to see if another location, other than Stoney Creek, would be appropriate.

Committee expressed dismay over the length of time it has taken to name a facility after the late Mr. Ernie Seager and requested that staff expedite the process.

Committee requested that Operations and Maintenance staff, Open Space Development and Park Planning staff, and the Chair collaborate and report back at the next meeting. Councillor Pearson offered to review the master plan to see if there are any available parks.

(vi) Feasibility of Naming an Existing Park after John Santarelli

Councillor Pearson advised that she has been asked to investigate the possibility of naming a parkette after former Councillor John Santarelli.

On a motion (Pearson/Mitchell), staff were directed to investigate the parkette at the top of Millen Road as a possible location and report back at the next Facility Naming Sub-Committee meeting.

Committee requested that this item be expedited.
(e) OTHER BUSINESS (Item 5)

Councillor Mitchell expressed concern regarding the wording that is used at times in staff reports to advise that a recommendation is not in keeping with approved policies. Rather than recommending against something, staff should merely advise that it is not consistent with approved policies.

(f) Adjournment

There being no further business, the Committee adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor M. Pearson, Chair

Mary-Ann Meyer
Legislative Assistant
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