

CITY OF VAUGHAN

EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 20, 2016

Item 35, Report No. 31, of the Committee of the Whole, which was adopted, as amended, by the Council of the City of Vaughan on September 20, 2016, as follows:

By approving the following in accordance with Communication C4, from the Deputy City Manager, Planning & Growth Management, dated September 15, 2016:

- 1. That the request to rename Velmar Downs Park to Jordana Fiorini Rainbow Park be approved;***
- 2. That the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to enter into an agreement with the Fiorini family to guide the design, construction, operations and maintenance of proposed park and playground redevelopment works in a form acceptable to the Deputy City Manager of Planning and Growth Management and the Deputy City Manager of Legal and Human Resource Services and that conforms to City standards for parks development, construction and operations; and***
- 3. That the Fiorini family be authorized to host an unveiling of the proposed park and playground redevelopment project at a special ceremony to be held at the park on October 1, 2016.***

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**VELMAR DOWNS PARK
PROPOSED PARK RENAMING
WARD 3**

The Committee of the Whole recommends:

- 1) That the recommendation contained in the following report of the Deputy City Manager of Planning and Growth Management and the Director of Parks Development, dated September 7, 2016, be approved; and**
- 2) That the deputation of Mr. Luciano Fiorini, be received.**

Recommendation

The Deputy City Manager of Planning and Growth Management and the Director of Parks Development in consultation with the City Clerk and the Director of Transportation Services, Parks and Forestry Operations recommend:

1. That this report be received for information.

Contribution to Sustainability

Not Applicable.

Economic Impact

Details of the economic impact associated with the request for park renaming, which is proposed to include a significant contribution towards redevelopment of the park and playground areas, will be brought forward in a Communication Item once details have been fully received by staff.

Communications Plan

Not Applicable.

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Purpose

The purpose of this report is to receive information on the proposed renaming of Velmar Downs Park in memory of Jordana Fiorini. Additional information will be provided once details of the request are fully received.

Background - Analysis and Options

In May 2016 the City of Vaughan received correspondence from the Fiorini family (Attachment 1) requesting that Velmar Downs Park be renamed in memory of their daughter, Jordana Fiorini, who passed away on January 22, 2016 at the age of 10.

The Fiorini family has requested to rename Velmar Downs Park in memory of Jordana as it holds special meaning and memories for them. Having resided in the Woodbridge community for over 14 years, Velmar Downs Park has been the local park that the family has enjoyed throughout the years.

Staff met with the Fiorini family at Velmar Downs Park in June 2016 to discuss their interest in seeing the park and playground areas redeveloped in memory of Jordana. Following this meeting the Fiorini's hired a landscape architect to prepare a park redevelopment proposal for the City's consideration. A follow-up meeting with the family and their landscape architect was held on August 31, 2016 to further discuss the proposed park redevelopment works. Details of proposed park improvements have yet to be fully received but are anticipated to be provided for Council's consideration on September 20, 2016. The family is hoping to receive Council approval to proceed with their proposal prior to Jordana's birthday on October 1.

The renaming of City parks is guided by Policy TPF-006 Naming City Parks, Open Spaces, Community Facilities and Other Municipal Properties (Attachment 2). The park naming policy allows for name designation in honor of individuals or groups based on criteria described in policy.

Relationship to Term of Council Service Excellence Strategy Map (2016-2018)

This report is consistent with the priorities established in the updated Term of Council Service Excellence Strategy Map, specifically:

- Invest, renew and manage infrastructure and assets
- Continue to cultivate an environmental sustainable City
- Support and promote arts, culture, heritage and sports in the community

Regional Implications

Not Applicable.

Conclusion

A request was received from the Fiorini family to rename Velmar Downs Park in memory of their daughter Jordana who passed away at the age of 10. The family proposes to provide improvements to the park and playground in honour of Jordana with additional information anticipated to be provided for Council's consideration on September 20, 2016. The renaming of City parks is guided by Policy TPF-006 Naming City Parks, Open Spaces, Community Facilities and Other Municipal Properties which allows for name designation in honour of individuals or groups based on criteria described in the policy.

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Attachments

1. Letter from the Fiorini family dated May 18, 2016
2. Policy TPF-006 Naming City Parks, Open Spaces, Community Facilities and Other Municipal Properties
3. Location Map

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(A copy of the attachments referred to in the foregoing have been forwarded to each Member of Council and a copy thereof is also on file in the office of the City Clerk.)