

**CITY OF VAUGHAN**

**EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 5, 2017**

Item 1, Report No. 21, of the Committee of the Whole, which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on June 5, 2017.

**1                      NAME DESIGNATION IN HONOUR OF MR. SERGIO TAGLIAVINI  
                                    WARD 2**

**The Committee of the Whole recommends:**

- 1)        That the square at the Monument for Fallen Italian Workers be designated Piazza Tagliavini in honour of Mr. Sergio Tagliavini;**
- 2)        That the report of Deputy City Manager of Public Works and Director of Transportation Services, Parks and Forestry Operations, dated May 23, 2017, be received; and**
- 3)        That the deputation of Ms Giovanna Tozzi, Lo Specchio, Woodbridge Avenue, Woodbridge, be received.**

**Recommendation**

The Deputy City Manager of Public Works and Director of Transportation Services, Parks and Forestry Operations, in consultation with the Deputy City Manager of Community Services and the Office of the City Clerk recommend:

1.    That Council provide direction with respect to the request for the naming for the square at the Monument for Fallen Italian Workers to be designated Piazza Tagliavini in honour of Mr. Sergio Tagliavini.

**Contribution to Sustainability**

Not applicable.

**Economic Impact**

Costs of signage for the name designation will be the responsibility of the applicant, per the City's Policy No. TPF-006 (Naming City Parks, Open Spaces, Community Facilities and Other Municipal Buildings and Properties).

**Communications Plan**

The City will be responsible for coordinating the public presentation of signage to acknowledge the name designation in coordination with the applicant, per the City's Policy No. TPF-006 (Naming City Parks, Open Spaces, Community Facilities and Other Municipal Buildings and Properties).

**Purpose**

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#### **Background – Analysis and Options**

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#### **Relationship to Term of Council Service Excellence Strategy Map (2014-2018)**

The recommendations in this report support the following Term of Council Priorities:

- Support and promote arts, culture, heritage and sports in the community

#### **Regional Implications**

Not applicable.

#### **Conclusion**

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**Report prepared by:**

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Joerg Hettmann, Manager of Parks and Roads, ext.6139

(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.)

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| <b>Department:</b> | <b>TRANSPORTATION SERVICES &amp; ROADS, PARKS AND FORESTRY OPERATIONS</b>                                |
| <b>Subject:</b>    | <b>NAMING CITY PARKS, OPEN SPACES, COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND OTHER MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS AND PROPERTIES</b> |

**POLICY FOR NAMING CITY PARKS, OPEN SPACES, COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND OTHER MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS OR PROPERTIES**

**1.0 Intent of Policy**

- 1.1 To provide a policy and guidelines for naming City parks, open spaces, community facilities and other municipal buildings or properties.
- 1.2 To retain a measure of flexibility in the naming policy recognizing the role names play in educating the public, promoting a particular facility, and minimizing conflicting names for emergency services.
- 1.3 This policy does not apply to naming of streets unless there is a formal request to name a street in honour of individuals or groups, in which case, this policy shall apply.

**2.0 Name Destination Associated with Functional Use Geographic Location or Historical Significance**

- 2.1 Staff may assign a name based on the adjacent street, functional use, geographic feature, community name or historic significance. Examples include:
 

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| Worth Park                    | - Adjacent to Worth Avenue                 |
| Thornhill Park                | - Community                                |
| Glen Shields Park             | - Neighbourhood                            |
| West Vaughan Community Centre | - Geographic                               |
| Joint Operations Centre       | - Function                                 |
| Ansley Grove Woodlot          | - Adjacent to Ansley Grove Road/Functional |
| Benjamin Vaughan Complex      | - Historic Significance                    |
- 2.2 Chosen names within this designation shall be assigned at such time as deemed appropriate by Staff and may remain unchanged until a formal request for a name change has been approved by Council.
- 2.3 The chosen name shall not conflict with similar names in whole or in part. For example if a park is named Oak Park no other similar name shall be used such as Red Oak Park.

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2.4 Generally chosen names shall reflect the adjacent street name. For example: Tori Park – majority street frontage on Tori Street. This is to ensure continuity and minimize conflicts for emergency services.

2.5 Every effort shall be made to avoid conflicts with neighbouring municipalities, especially where streets cross municipal boundaries. Avoid using the same name which may already exist in a neighbouring municipality, for example, Yonge Street Parkette, Vaughan, Yonge Street Parkette, Markham.

### 3.0 Name Designation in Honour of Individuals or Groups

3.1 This section shall apply to any request to name or rename a public park, open space, community facility, or any other municipal building or property in honour of individuals or groups.

3.2 Council shall consider all names in honour of individuals or groups. Any request to name, designate or change a name in honour of individuals or groups shall be submitted to the Clerks Department of the City of Vaughan, in writing, with supporting explanation or justification. Council approval is required.

#### 3.3 Criteria/Guidelines for Names Honouring Individuals or Groups

Names for consideration shall be those of distinguished persons, organizations, corporations, foundations or the families:

- .1 where there has been a significant contribution to the quality of life, well-being of the City of Vaughan, to memorialize or otherwise recognize substantial donations and significant donors, and/or individuals designated by donors and is consistent with Vaughan Vision 20/20; or,
- .2 where there is a strong historical or cultural connection to the City and has made a significant contribution to the historical or cultural preservation of the City; or,
- .3 where there is a significant contribution (other than monetary) toward the environmental preservation, conservation or enhancement of the City consistent with Vaughan Vision 20/20 and / or Green Directions Vaughan; or,

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- .4 where there is a major contribution made to the acquisition, development or conveyance of land and/or building, in question and/or its subsequent development; or,
  - .5 where there is a direct relationship or association that exists between the place or former place of residence of the person or group and the facility/park/street to be named.
- 3.4 Naming in honour of City administrative officials, staff or elected or appointed public official shall normally occur only after the City employment or public service has concluded.
- 3.5 Where the name of an individual is so used, approval shall be obtained from the individual or the next of kin for such naming. A formal request may include a reference letter or letter of recommendation from a distinguished person.
- 3.6 Notwithstanding the above, Council, by resolution, may approve a name or name change, in honour of individuals or groups when circumstances justify such action. Council may also remove the original name designation when circumstances justify such action.
- 4.0 **Names Derived from Contests or Solicited from the Community**
- 4.1 Council may direct staff to derive names from either contests or staff may establish an ad hoc community group/task force, including staff, to solicit and recommend names.
- 4.2 With each contest or ad hoc community group task force, Staff shall make recommendation with respect to:
- .1 terms of reference;
  - .2 timing;
  - .3 membership;
  - .4 scope of committee;
  - .5 rules and judging for contests.
- 5.0 **Names of Provincial National or International Significance**
- 5.1 Council may approve a name or name change in honour of individuals or group who have made an outstanding contribution to Ontario, Canada or Internationally.
- 5.2 In such circumstances, and prior to approving the use of any name of individuals or group,

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staff shall investigate any protocol and/or requirements of any provincial, national or international agency or organization.

**6.0 Inventory of Names**

- 6.1 The Commissioner of Community Services or the Commissioner's designate shall be responsible for maintaining an inventory of names for parks, open spaces, community facilities, historic houses and municipal buildings.

**7.0 Procedures**

- 7.1 Procedures for submitting a name designation in honour of an individual or group is outlined in Appendix A, as amended from time to time.

**8.0 Signage**

- 8.1 The City will be responsible for coordinating the public presentation of signage to acknowledge the name or rename designation. Costs of signage associated with naming, renaming or adopting of a public park, street, facility, building, or property as outlined in this policy will generally be the responsibility of the applicant. Council, dependent on the circumstance, may approve funds associated with the naming or renaming proposal.
- 8.2 The City will have final approval for the selection and location of any signage, including signage text.
- 8.3 The addition of flowers, plant material and other landscaping materials near the signage is encouraged but shall not interfere with visibility. Plans are to be approved by Parks Operations & Forestry Department.
- 8.4 The responsibility of ongoing maintenance for signage will be determined through agreement between the applicant and the City.

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**APPENDIX "A"**

**POLICY FOR NAMING CITY PARKS, OPEN SPACES, COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND OTHER MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS OR PROPERTIES**

**PROCEDURES FOR NAME DESIGNATION IN HONOUR OF INDIVIDUALS OR GROUPS**

- A.1 An individual or group wishing to submit a request for a name in honour of an individual or group must provide a written proposal to the Clerk's Department of the City of Vaughan, which contain the following minimum information:
- .1 name of the applicant; and,
  - .2 identification of the park, street, facility, building or property proposed to be named; and,
  - .3 proposed name; and,
  - .4 background information which details the accomplishment and/or significant contribution to the City of Vaughan supporting the name designation, (refer to section 3.3); and,
  - .5 letter of approval from the individual or the next of kin for using such naming.

Proposals are encouraged to include letters of endorsement supporting the application.

- A.2 The Clerk's Department shall distribute the request to the Mayor and members of Council, City Manager, Commissioner of Community Services and the Director of Legal Services for information.
- A.3 The Clerk's Department shall convene a meeting of staff, as appropriate, to review the request. Staff, in evaluating the request, shall use the criteria outlined in Section 3 and forward a report for Council's consideration.
- A.4 Staff from the following departments shall be involved in reviewing all requests and shall from time to time review this policy.

- .1 Clerks

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- .2 Parks Development
  - .3 Parks Operations
  - .4 Recreation and Culture
  - .5 Buildings and Facilities
- A.5 If a name or rename request is directly associated or on land donated to the City, the original donor or family will be advised when possible.
- A.6 If a name or rename request is submitted, staff shall conduct a historical review of the current name prior to recommending approval.
- A.7 Staff shall review all proposals for signage text, type and location.

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PIAZZA TAGLIAVINI COMMITTEE  
c/o 200 Whitmore Road, Unit 7  
Woodbridge, Ontario L4L 7K4  
(905) 850-3611

June 27, 2016

Clerk's Department  
City of Vaughan  
2141 Major Mackenzie Drive  
Vaughan, Ontario L6A 1T1

Attention: Mr. Jeffrey Abrams, City Clerk

Dear Sir:

Name Designation in Honour of Sergio Tagliavini – Policy No. TPF-006

In accordance with the City of Vaughan Policy No. TPF-006 of Transportation Services & Roads, Parks and Forestry Operations, attached please find the following:

1. Proposal for Name Designation
2. List of Awards & Accomplishments of the late Sergio Tagliavini
3. Woodbridge Memorial Arena Background
4. Letter of Approval of next-of-kin (to follow)
5. Letters of Endorsement (to follow)

I would appreciate you reviewing the attached proposal and giving this request your kind consideration.

Should you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at your convenience.

Respectfully,

Piazza Tagliavini Committee



Cav. Uff. Antonio Porretta



**PATRONATO EPASA**  
ENTE DELLA CONFEDERAZIONE NAZIONALE DELL'ARTIGIANATO  
PER L'ASSISTENZA SOCIALE AGLI ARTIGIANI

Antonio Porretta  
200 Whitmore Rd Unit 7 Woodbridge  
L4L 4K4 (905) 850-3611

July 25, 2016

Dear Jeffrey Abrams:

My name is Tony Porretta president Patronato Epasa and I have known Sergio Tagliavini for over 30 years' when Vaughan was still a small town north of Toronto. Since then Vaughan has grown considerably partly due to the contributions of Sergio Tagliavini, who has given the past 30 years of his life to the service of his community and the constituents of Vaughan with an incredible vigor and in his contribution in its growth, development and especially for the residents of Vaughan who came to expect the both news and the reflection of the sentiments of the community from Sergio.

His newspaper, "Lo Specchio", he informed us all of the progress, with lucidity, vision, positive and critical sense which has inspired our community 'to do better and contribute positively to the growth of a city for many years; and Vaughan has become a pearl among the great cities of North America.

His positive contribution to the written word with his positive enthusiasm had inspired thousands of new citizens who have moved to Vaughan which today is considered one of the cities' most diverse and representatives of our national territory.

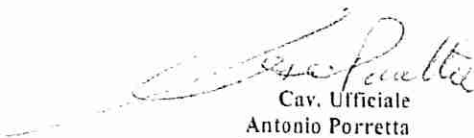
With Tagliavini leading the charge, many Community initiatives have been completed, most notably: the Monument for Italians works who fell in the line of work.

This Monument is located on the Highway 7 and Islington Ave. is 'today a reference point for many community members that never forgets the sacrifices and the heroes who built this great country; but that also looks enthusiastically the tomorrow that waits us ahead.

This city cannot and must not forget Segio Tagliavini. A square on his name, should to be exposed to its inhabitants to remind everyone of one of the pioneers for its growth, and his valuable contribution must be remembered forever.

I would like to respectfully request that the city, and its political and administrative body, consider positively the request to name the square: Piazza Tagliavini.

As a member of this committee', I can only add that history is written all the days and we are the protagonist of it... Sergio Tagliavini has contributed and written the history of the city of Vaughan, we must always remember this great figure of our history.

  
Cav. Ufficiale  
Antonio Porretta  
Patronato EPASA

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July 8, 2016

To Whom It May Concern,

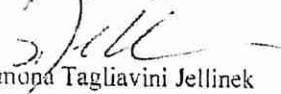
**Re: Sergio Jellinek Tagliavini**

It is with great appreciation that my family has been informed of the possibility of naming the plaza around the Fallen Worker's Monument in Woodbridge after my late father, Sergio Tagliavini.

We are honoured by such a possibility and would readily agree to the use of his name.

If I may be of any more assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me at your convenience.

Yours, Very Truly,

  
Simona Tagliavini Jellinek

PROPOSAL FOR NAME DESIGNATION IN HONOUR OF SERGIO TAGLIAVINI

APPLICANTS: PIAZZA TAGLIAVINI COMMITTEE

LOCATION: Square surrounding the Monument of Italian Workers at  
Woodbridge Memorial Arena  
5020 Highway No. 7, Woodbridge, Ontario

PROPOSED NAME: Piazza Tagliavini (Tagliavini Square)

CONNECTION TO LOCATION:

Sergio Tagliavini was instrumental in bringing together a group of interested participants to design, build and erect the Monument of the Fallen Italian Workers presently located on this site and dedicated to Italians who lost their lives from workplace accidents. It is therefore, opportune that the space which surrounds this memorial be a tribute to Sergio Tagliavini.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Sergio Tagliavini Jellinek was born in Genoa, Italy on June 12, 1935 and passed away on January 25, 2016 at the age of 80.

Soon after his arrival to Canada, in 1970, his passion and desire to enrich the quality of news services made him a trailblazer in the world of media and an established journalist and newsroom editor in Toronto. In 1973, he became managing editor of *Corriere Canadese*, an Italian language daily newspaper, while also producing and hosting top quality public affairs programs on radio and television, which served the ever-growing Italian-Canadian population.

His passion for his profession made him an editor and media entrepreneur, co-founding *Donna*, the first Italian language magazine printed outside of Italy dedicated to women, and *Stile*, an English language magazine covering culture and lifestyles.

In 1984 Sergio co-founded and was editor-in-chief of *Lo Specchio*, Ontario's most influential Italian language weekly newspaper. Under his direction, *Lo Specchio* became one of the most authoritative voices of Canadians of Italian heritage and referenced by politicians, businessmen, the world of culture and simple citizens. The editorial commitment that Sergio devoted to *Lo Specchio* led to his active presence in the community and his engagement and involvement with projects and special needs of the Italian community.

Sergio's tireless efforts of promoting activities of heritage and cultural value became his trademark and passion. Together with his associate, Giovanna Tozzi, he was one of the first organizers of the Terry Fox Run in Woodbridge. He also generously supported and promoted local community groups, such as Hospice Vaughan, Veneto Centre, Famee Furlane, S.A.V.I., Lazio Federation, Woodbridge rotary Club

In recognition of Sergio's involvement in the realization of this monument, and its location in the village of Woodbridge, that he had come to know and love and where his office was also located, it is appropriate that the piazza (square) surrounding this memorial be named Piazza Tagliavini as a tribute to this visionary and community leader.

## Curricula:

### (Canada)

#### Professional

- 1983-2016 "Lo Specchio" Weekly Newspaper - Co-Founder - Editor in Chief  
1979-2007 "Donna" Women Magazine - Co-Founder - Managing Editor  
1997-2007 "Parliamone Insieme" Talk Show - *Chin Radio* - Toronto - Host  
1982- 1985 "Stile" English Magazine - Editor & Publisher  
1978- 1979 "Giornale di Toronto" Weekly Newspaper - Editor  
1973- 1978 "Corriere Canadese" Daily Newspaper, Canada - Managing Editor  
1976- 1978 "Multilingual Television"  
Host / Producer "Fatti e Persone" - "L'uomo in blu"  
1986- 1987 "LoSpecchio Tv" - Host & Co-Producer Classicom Ch. 10

#### Community

- *Monumento agli Italiani Caduti sul Lavoro* - Canada  
President Organizing Committee  
- *Lega Lombarda* - Canada - Regional Cultural Association 1976 *Founding Member*  
- *Gente de Liguria* - Regional Cultural Association of Liguria -Canada *President* (1979-80)  
- *Agic* - Associazione Giornalisti Italiani in Canada (Italian Press Association) *Vice President*  
- *Woodbridge Italian Festival* ( 1988 - 2016) *Co-founder - Chairman*  
- Chairman & Confondatore: *Tour of York Region* - Corsa ciclistica a tappe ( 1985)  
- Chairman & Founder: *The Winning Team* - Celebration of Italian Elected Politicians in Vaughan and the GTA (1986)

## The Woodbridge Memorial Arena

### Centre Background

Since 1925, the location of the Memorial Area has always been a place for community gathering. The site housed the Elm Park Pavilion which was a popular entertainment centre. It was opened as an arena after WWI circa 1950. On July 5, 1970 an Air Canada DC-8 crashed after aborting a landing at Toronto International Airport, killing all 100 passengers and 9 crew members. To this point in time, it was the second worst aviation accident in Canadian history. The arena served as a morgue for the victims of this crash. Today, the arena stands in memory of those who perished. In 1974, the Woodbridge Vaughan Pool opened on the site.

### Memorial Statue Dedicated to All Canadian Workers of Italian Descent

The Memorial statue, located in front of the Woodbridge Pool and Memorial Arena in Vaughan dedicated to all Canadian workers of Italian descent who perished or were injured in work related accidents. The Memorial committee (lead by Councillor Mario Racco) commissioned a statue by Giovanni Fanton, a local artist of Italian descent who chose a highly defined realistic style to represent the theme.

The architect Nino Ricco was to design an installation that would provide both a base and an architectural setting around the statue to emphasize its social and symbolic values. For this reason the statue has been installed on a platform surrounded by a series of concrete pillars resembling a bridge collapsing under construction, with precast concrete pieces piled over a shallow pool. Water cascades from behind the statue to the pool, evoking the falling movement of debris.

A small Piazza-like structure, elevated from the surrounding area, with seating for public events and recreation crowns the statue, its pedestal and the pool arena

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There are no plaques at the site but commemorative wreaths are there placed at site by a worker's union.



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The Memorial, located in front of the Worldstage Place and Regional Arena in Vaughan, Ontario, is dedicated to all Canadian workers of Italian descent who died or were injured in work-related accidents. The Memorial Commission commissioned a statue by Francesco Falson, a local artist of Italian descent, who chose a highly detailed neoclassical style to represent the theme.

Our task was to design an architectural structure that would provide both a base and an architectural setting around the statue to emphasize its social and symbolic values. For this reason, the statue has been situated on a platform surrounded by a series of concrete pillars resembling a bridge spanning over construction, over which concrete pieces are laid over a shadowy pool. Water cascades from behind the statue to the pool, evoking the Italian movement of Baroque.

A small Piazza-like structure, situated from the surrounding area, with seating for public events and recreation, creates the statue's pedestal and the pool area.

