

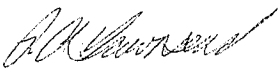
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North West Community Council
July 9, 2009

TO: Chair and Members of North West Community Council

SUBMITTED BY: 
Phillip Townsend, Director, Infrastructure & Asset Management

DATE: May 28, 2009

SUBJECT: **Memorial Dedication - "Mary Beth Benedict Park" - Hallmark Avenue, Sackville**

ORIGIN

A proposal by the Riverside Estates Homeowners Association and Councillor Harvey to name HRM's park at Hallmark Avenue in Sackville in memory of Mary Beth Benedict.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the North West Community Council approve the dedication of the park located on Hallmark Avenue in Sackville as the "Mary Beth Benedict Park".

BACKGROUND

Mary Beth Benedict passed away in 2008. She was a long time resident of the Riverside Estates subdivision in Sackville. Her volunteer efforts and leadership were recognized throughout her community and the Province. She was a Sunday School teacher, a sports coach, an advocate for children with unique needs and an environmentalist.

DISCUSSION

The recommended naming of the park at Hallmark Avenue does not replace a pre-existing park name. Mary Beth Benedict contributed a great deal to her community and the Province. It is fitting that the Riverside Estates Homeowners Association and Councillor Harvey have requested that her legacy be memorialized with the naming of this park in her honour.

The Riverside Homeowners Association suggested that the park be named the "Mary Beth Benedict Riverside Estates Play Park" however it is recommended to abbreviate the name to "Mary Beth Benedict Park." HRM does not presently have a park naming protocol however past practice indicates that park naming should focus on memorializing the individual rather than the location or usage classification of the park

Other issues will be resolved in addition to the placement of a commemorative sign at the park. Currently the park does not have a property identification number (PID#) as it occupies an area originally reserved as a road right of way. A public hearing will be necessary in order to close the road. Halifax Regional Water Commission also requires a sewer easement on a portion of the road reserve and the residents of 134 Hallmark have a driveway encroaching on the lands required by HRWC for the sewer easement. Once these matters are resolved the lot occupied by the park will be severed from the former road reserve and a new PID # created.

A PID# is normally a prerequisite for the assignment of a civic address. Likewise, all new HRM park signs must display a civic address. Rather than delay the placement of the commemorative signage at the park a civic address of 130 Hallmark Avenue has been created for the park with the understanding that the property matters previously noted be addressed immediately. It is expected that this additional work will be completed within the next four months. A new sign for the park can be in place for a dedication ceremony in late July, 2009.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Sign production and installation are estimated at \$850 to be funded from Capital Account CCV01261, District 20 Capital Fund, and Operating Account W181-6399, Sports/Playground Administration. Legal costs are estimated at \$2,000 to be funded from Operating Account W943-6302, Real Property Planning. The budget availability has been confirmed by Financial Services.

Budget Summary:

Capital Account No. CCV01261 - District 20 Capital Fund

Cumulative Unspent Budget	\$39,572
Estimated Cost of Sign	<u>\$ 375</u>
Balance	<u>\$39,197</u>

Operating Account W181-6399 for Estimated Cost of Sign	\$ 475
Operating Account W943-6302 for Legal Fees	\$ 2,000

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT POLICIES / BUSINESS PLAN

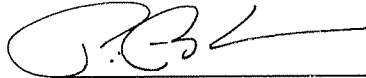
This report complies with the Municipality's Multi-Year Financial Strategy, the approved Operating, Capital and Reserve budgets, policies and procedures regarding withdrawals from the utilization of Capital and Operating reserves, as well as any relevant legislation.

ALTERNATIVES

1. No alternative is recommended.

A copy of this report can be obtained online at <http://www.halifax.ca/commcoun/cc.html> then choose the appropriate Community Council and meeting date, or by contacting the Office of the Municipal Clerk at 490-4210, or Fax 490-4208.

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Council Report Sign-Off Sheet

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