


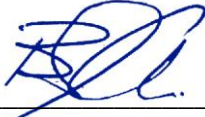
**Item No. 11.1.9**  
**Halifax Regional Council**  
**August 14, 2012**

**TO:** Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

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**SUBMITTED BY:**

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**DATE:** July 25, 2012

**SUBJECT:** Commemorative and Administrative Names for HRM Assets

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**ORIGIN**

Administrative Order No. 46, Respecting HRM Asset Naming Policies

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that Halifax Regional Council approve:

1. The addition of the commemorative names identified in Attachment A to the existing Commemorative Names List;
2. The park name, Tyler Sampson Park, for the un-named park located at 316 Gary Martin Dr., Bedford;
3. The renaming of the park, Nottingham Park, Bedford, to Bill Dompierre Park;
4. The renaming of Charles Road Park, Timberlea, to Glengarry Estates Park;
5. The administrative park names outlined in Attachment D; and
6. Forwarding to the Province of Nova Scotia the suggestion of naming the new connector road from Akerley Blvd. to Rocky Lake Dr. in Dartmouth to Heroes Way.

## **BACKGROUND**

The Asset Naming Policy (Administrative Order No. 46) allows any person or group to apply for a commemorative name for HRM assets, particularly streets, parks or buildings. The Asset Naming Policy requires consultation with at least one representative from each asset category; the municipal archivist, a representative from HRM Cultural Affairs, and the local Councillor(s) for each application. The policy requires that applicable names be submitted to Regional Council twice each year for consideration.

Since the previous report in June of 2011, applications have been received for nine commemorative names, seven administrative park names and two requests to rename parks. This report outlines the second list of recommended names since the adoption of the policy.

## **DISCUSSION**

### Commemorative Names:

Commemorative names recognize individual persons, groups of people and geographic features. Since the previous report, nine applications have been received. Staff recommends that:

- seven commemorative name applications, as outlined in Attachment A, be approved by Regional Council to be added to the commemorative name list;
- one application (Attachment B) be assigned to a currently unnamed park in Bedford, as discussed below;
- one application (Attachment C) be approved for renaming Nottingham Park in Bedford, as discussed below.

A new park has been obtained through the subdivision process at 316 Gary Martin Dr., Bedford. It is the third park on the street; the first is administratively named Gary Martin Dr. Park, the second is administratively named after the subdivision, Stonington Park, thereby leaving no other administrative naming option for this park. An application has been received requesting a park be named in commemoration of Tyler Sampson (see biography in Attachment B) anywhere in HRM. As such, staff recommends that this park be named the Tyler Sampson Park.

The remaining application is for the renaming of a current administratively named. The park is currently called Nottingham Park and is located at 15 Nottingham St, Bedford. The applicant has requested that the park be renamed Bill Dompierre Park (see biography in Attachment C). Emails of support have been submitted by local residents and staff recommends that this park be renamed Bill Dompierre Park.

### Administrative Park Names:

Administrative names reflect either the neighbourhood, subdivision, street or community name in which a park is located. Since the previous report, seven administrative names have been submitted. Staff recommends that all seven names, as outlined in Attachment D, be approved by Regional Council.

Administrative Park Rename Requests:

A request to rename Charles Rd Park in Timberlea has been submitted by the local homeowner's association. Charles Road Park is located at 311 Charles Rd, Timberlea. The request is to rename the Charles Road Park to the Glengarry Estates Park, after the name of the subdivision. Staff and the Local Councillor fully support this renaming.

Heroes Way

At the June 21, 2011 Regional Council approved the application to have a collector road named Heroes Way in the urban core of HRM. The name was suggested to pay tribute to those men and women who lost their lives defending our country and our way of life in Nova Scotia.

An opportunity has presented itself as the new Provincial collector road between Akerley Blvd. and Rocky Lake Dr. (see map in Attachment E) is in the preliminary phase of construction. Preliminary discussions with the Provincial Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal regarding the name of the connector road have resulted in Heroes Way being suggested. The Heroes Way applicant is in agreement with this proposal. Ordinarily, staff would work with the developer or HRM Transportation and Public Works to facilitate the name placement, however, as this is a provincially owned collector roadway, the procedure is dictated by the Province and they have requested that the recommendation for Heroes Way come directly from Regional Council in the form of a motion. This motion does not guarantee that the Province will approve the name but that they will consider the recommendation.

**BUDGET IMPLICATIONS**

There are minimal costs associated with the administration of the Asset Naming policy. These costs can be accommodated within the existing 2012-2013 operating budget for C330-Civic Addressing. With regard to assigning the names, for the majority of cases they would be applied to new assets (streets, park and/or buildings) in which case costs would be covered by a developer or included in the project budget when submitted to Regional Council for approval.

There are minor costs associated with the renaming of assets and this report is recommending the renaming of 2 parks. Both of these parks have existing signage, the cost to replace each park sign is approximately \$250 and will be funded by the Transportation and Public Works operating budget.

**FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT POLICIES/BUSINESS PLAN**

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

**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

Any member of the community is welcome to submit applications for commemorative names for any community in HRM.

Ongoing promotion of the Asset Naming Policy has included the creation of printed marketing material and engaging local interest groups, schools, universities and Royal Canadian Legions.

**ALTERNATIVES**

1. Regional Council could approve all of the requested names. This is the recommended alternative.
2. Regional Council could choose to not approve some or all of the names. This alternative is not recommended as the Asset Naming Committee has determined that each name meets the Council approved criteria outlined in Administrative Order No. 46.

**ATTACHMENTS**

- Attachment A: Commemorative Names List Biographies
- Attachment B: Tyler Sampson's Biography
- Attachment C: Bill Dompierre's Biography
- Attachment D: Administrative Park Names
- Attachment E: Map of Heroes Way Proposal

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**Attachment A – Commemorative Names List Biographies**

**1. Layton Reid**

Request

- Any asset, street, park, park facility or building

Geography

- Dartmouth

Criteria

- Individual(s) who have demonstrated excellence, courage or exceptional service to the citizens of the Halifax Regional Municipality, the Province of Nova Scotia and/or Canada.

Biography

Mr. Reid was born in Shubenacadie, NS, on May 21, 1921 and died prematurely in Halifax as a result of a car crash on December 17, 1956. After receiving schooling in Nova Scotia and the UK, he joined the Merchant Navy during the Second World War and traveled with the convoys on the dangerous Murmansk Run. At the time of his death he was a member of the RCN naval reserve.

Mr. Reid was one of the outstanding land surveyors of Nova Scotia. He was a graduate of the British Naval School, and served with distinction during the War. He was one of the youngest men ever to obtain his Master Mariner's papers. On return to civilian life, he attended the Land Survey School at Lawrencetown, N.S., and after graduation was employed for several years with the Department of Lands and Forests. He then entered private practice. For several years, Mr. Reid served on the executive council of the Association of Land Surveyors of Nova Scotia and was a member of the Canadian Institute of Surveying and Photogrammetry. He was the author of the article on Magnetic Declination which appeared in the April 1954 issue of the Canadian Surveyor.

## 2. Catherine MacLean Sullivan

### Request

- Park

### Geography

- Halifax (particularly the South End)

### Criteria

- Individual(s) who have demonstrated excellence, courage or exceptional service to the citizens of the Halifax Regional Municipality, the Province of Nova Scotia and/or Canada.

### Biography

Mrs. Sullivan was born in Bible Hill, NS, on February 4, 1875. She attended Mount Saint Bernard College, and married Dr. Michael Thomas Sullivan who practised medicine in Glace Bay. When her husband died in 1930, she moved her six children to Halifax. In 1934, Mrs. Sullivan was the first woman Alderman to be elected to office in English speaking Canada. She worked on Council to improve conditions in the Poor House and to improve Poor laws and introduced domestic science courses for women to improve their economic circumstances.

Mrs. Sullivan's other activities included:

- President of the Catholic Women's League
- Vice President Diocesan Board (Halifax)
- Vice-President Local Council of Women
- Vice-President Friends of the Seminary
- Honorary Life President Mount Saint Bernard Alumnae
- Member Halifax Welfare Bureau
- Executive Member, V.O.N.
- Executive Member, anti-T.B. League
- Vice- President Liberal Association of Nova Scotia
- Director, C.E. Choat & Company and Sullivan Storage

Mrs. Sullivan passed away in Halifax on May 9, 1946.

In October of 1992, the City Of Halifax marked the anniversary of the day in 1929 when women were officially given "person status". In celebration of that day, October was declared "Women in History Month". Council further stated "it seemed appropriate to comment on one particular woman in Halifax's History, Catherine MacLean Sullivan".

### 3. Leonard Kitz

#### Request

- Park

#### Geography

- Halifax

#### Criteria

- Individual(s) who have demonstrated excellence, courage or exceptional service to the citizens of the Halifax Regional Municipality, the Province of Nova Scotia and/or Canada.
- Individual(s) who have an extraordinary community service record.
- Requested name is historically significant to the development of HRM, the Province of Nova Scotia and/or Canada.

#### Biography

Mr. Kitz was born in Halifax on April 9, 1916 to Harry and Yetta Kitz. He attended Halifax's Protestant school system and graduated from the Halifax Academy. He attended Dalhousie University, where he studied law, graduating from Dalhousie Law School in 1938. After graduation, Mr. Kitz spent a short stint in Europe, financing it with returns from a fictional piece he wrote about Captain Kidd and the treasure of Oak Island.

With the outbreak of the Second World War, Mr. Kitz joined up and was commissioned a Captain with the Princess Louise Fusiliers; he was named a staff officer with the 12<sup>th</sup> Canadian Light Brigade. After the war, Mr. Kitz returned to Halifax where he opened his own law firm, located on Granville Street. His law firm was eventually joined by Robert Matheson becoming Matheson and Kitz.

In 1948, Kitz decided to enter politics and he was elected an alderman in Halifax. He served as an alderman from 1948-1955. In May 1955, the 39 year old was elected Mayor of Halifax, the first of the Jewish faith to hold that office.

During his career he donated widely, including three scholarships that are still active today, one for school debating, another at Dalhousie, and one to Halifax Grammar School. Among many boards, he was also a member of the National Arts Centre. He was one of an official group from all over Canada, who visited China in 1972, when such a visit became possible.

Mr. Kitz passed away on January 30, 2006.

#### 4. Muriel Duckworth

##### Request

- 1<sup>st</sup> choice: Building
- 2<sup>nd</sup> choice: Park
- 3<sup>rd</sup> choice: Street

##### Geography

- Halifax (peninsula)

##### Criteria

- Individual(s) who have demonstrated excellence, courage or exceptional service to the citizens of the Halifax Regional Municipality, the Province of Nova Scotia and/or Canada.

##### Biography

Mrs. Duckworth was born in 1908 on her parents' farm in Austin, Quebec. She and her family moved to Halifax in 1947 where she began working in adult education. Mrs. Duckworth is widely referred to as a peace activist. She was a founding member of the Nova Scotia Voice of Women, a provincial branch of the Voice of Women (VOW). She served as their National President from 1967-1971. She was also active in community organizing, electoral politics and the advancement of women's issues. In 1971, she helped establish the Movement for Citizen's Voice and Action (MOVE), a coalition of community groups in Halifax, working for a wide range of goals including improvements in education, housing, social assistance and municipal planning. Mrs. Duckworth became the first woman in Halifax to run for a seat in the Nova Scotia Legislature when she campaigned as a NDP candidate during the provincial elections of 1974 and 1978. In 1976, she became a founding member of the Canadian Research Institute for the Advancement of Women (CRIAIE), and she served as president from 1979-80. Later she played a leading role in organizing a five day Women's International Peace Conference held in Halifax in June 1985.

Mrs. Duckworth was the recipient of numerous honours including the 1981 Governor General's Award in Commemoration of the Persons Case and the Order of Canada in 1983. In 1991, she received the Pearson Medal of Peace. She was also granted 10 honorary degrees including one from Mount Saint Vincent University in 1978 and another from Dalhousie University in 1987. In celebration of her 100 birthday, Oxfam Canada established the Jack and Muriel Duckworth Fund for Active Global Citizenship in recognition of Mrs. Duckworth and her late husbands' leadership in working for social justice. She received her last award posthumously, the order of Nova Scotia on Sept 2, 2009.

At the age of 100 Mrs. Duckworth passed away on August 22, 2009.



## 5. Elsie Tolson

### Request

- street

### Geography

- Bedford

### Criteria

- Modification to an existing commemorative name. The Tolson family name was approved by Regional Council on June 21, 2011 and added to the HRM Commemorative Names List. A request has been made to specifically commemorate Elsie Tolson.

### Biography

Elsie Tolson was born in Hanstport, NS on October 23, 1911. She married Richard Tolson and together they had four children. The Tolson's bought the Ternan property (Scott Manor House) at Bedford in the 1940s, which was the site of Fort Sackville, established in 1749 as the first outpost fort for the Halifax Citadel. By 1874, she had begun writing articles on local history for the "Bedford-Sackville News", including the history of her house. This led to the publication of Mrs. Tolson's book "The Captain, the Colonel and Me" in 1979, which was a history of the Bedford area. She was a member in several heritage committees, such as the Heritage Trust of Nova Scotia, Bedford Heritage 80, and the Hantsport Heritage Society. Mrs. Tolson also served on a committee to design the Town of Bedford's official coat of arms and was a director of the Bedford Waterfront Development Corporation in 1983.

Mrs. Tolson passed away on July 22, 2000 in Halifax, Nova Scotia.

## 6. Lamont Power

### Request

- 1<sup>st</sup> choice: Street
- 2<sup>nd</sup> choice: Commercial Vessel or Ferry

### Geography

- Anywhere along the western portion of the Halifax Harbour
- Preference for Bedford, with a view of the water

### Criteria

- Individual(s) who have demonstrated excellence, courage or exceptional service to the citizens of the Halifax Regional Municipality, the Province of Nova Scotia and/or Canada.
- Requested name is historically significant to the development of HRM, the Province of Nova Scotia and/or Canada.

### Biography

Captain Nicholas Lamont Power served in the Halifax Harbour Pilotage from 1906-1954. He passed away in January 1959. He was invested as a Member of the British Empire (MBE) in February 1949 for his service guiding vessels in and out of Halifax Harbour during both World Wars. The medal was presented to Captain Power and three of his fellow pilots by the Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia. His log book is in both the NS and Canadian archives, he made entries for each day which always included the weather and the ships he was piloting.

## 7. Petty Officer Second Class Craig Blake

### Request

- Any asset

### Geography

- Dartmouth

### Criteria

- Individual(s) who have demonstrated excellence, courage or exceptional service to the citizens of the Halifax Regional Municipality, the Province of Nova Scotia and/or Canada.
- Individuals who have risked his/her life to save or protect others.

### Biography

Petty Officer 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Craig Blake was originally from Ontario, but lived most of his life in Dartmouth and thought of himself as a Nova Scotian. He is described as a dedicated family man, volunteer and a peewee coach of the year. He was a clearance diver based out of Shearwater and was in Afghanistan disposing IED's. He was killed on May 3, 2010, he was only 37 years old. Blake was the first Canadian sailor to die in Afghanistan since the mission began in 2002.

**Attachment B – Tyler Sampson Biography**

Request

- Park

Geography

- Anywhere in HRM

Criteria

- Individual(s) who have demonstrated excellence, courage or exceptional service to the citizens of the Halifax Regional Municipality, the Province of Nova Scotia and/or Canada.
- Individual(s) who have risked his/her life to save or protect others.

Biography

Tyler Sampson was born on July 4, 1980 in Halifax and spent the first years of his life in Head of St. Margarets Bay with his parents and sister. On August 14, 2005 Tyler lost his life trying to help a friend who was being attacked by an intruder in Glen Haven. Unarmed, he confronted the attacker and fought with him sustaining multiple stab wounds. Sadly, both Mr. Sampson and his friend died from their injuries in the hours that followed the attack.

Awards:

- Resolution Award: The House of Assembly, presented by the Nova Scotia Government, an award of notating bravery because the NS bravery awards did not exist at the time of the incident. Presented in Halifax, December 2010 by the justice minister and Premier of NS.
- Governor General Award of Bravery: Presented September 2011 at the Citadelle du Quebec, Quebec City, by the Governor General of Canada.

There has also been a Tyler Sampson Silent Hero Memorial Fund set up in his honour.

**Attachment C – Bill Dompierre’s Biography**

Request

- rename Nottingham Park

Geography

- 15 Nottingham St, Bedford

Criteria

- Individual(s) who have demonstrated excellence, courage or exceptional service to the citizens of the Halifax Regional Municipality, the Province of Nova Scotia and/or Canada.
- Individual(s) who have an extraordinary community service records

Biography

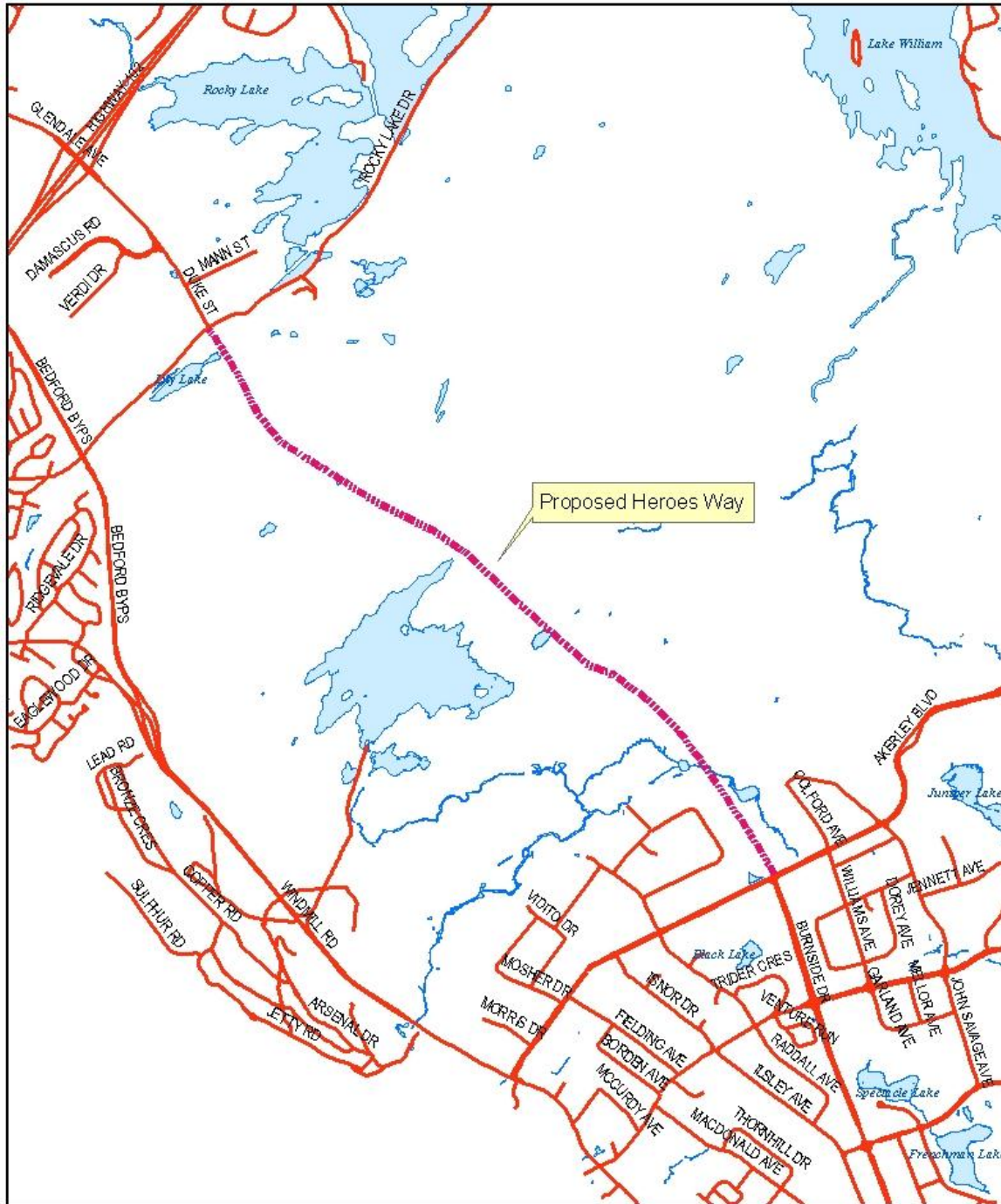
William (Bill) Ormiston Dompierre was born in 1952 in Halifax to Grace and Ralph Dompierre. From an early age he loved sports and competed in many from High School football at QEH to provincial softball teams. He began coaching in his 20s and took an interest in the recreation opportunities in his community, Bedford. He was a founding member of the Nottingham Knights a men’s recreational softball team. After his second son, Matthew, was born Bill became involved in coaching his son’s at all levels in Bedford Basketball Association. There is currently a yearly Basketball tournament in Lockview in his name that is growing yearly.

Mr Dompierre passed away August 8, 2009 after a courageous battle with cancer.

**Attachment D – Administrative Park Names**

1. Riverwood Drive Park, District 22  
- 48 Riverwood Dr., Timberlea
2. Lake Charlotte Boat Launch, District 1  
- 11465 Highway 7, Lake Charlotte
3. Nadia Drive Park, District 9  
- 58 Nadia Dr., Dartmouth
4. Sussex Drive Park, District 23  
- 163 Sussex Dr., Stillwater Lake
5. Bryanston Road Park, District 19  
- 177 Bryanston Road, Lucasville
6. Maple Grove Avenue Park, District 22  
- 183 Maple Grove Avenue, Timberlea
7. Bunchberry Lane Park, District 2  
- 42 Bunchberry Lane, Waverley

**Attachment E – Heroes Way Proposal**



**Proposed Heroes Way, Dartmouth**

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