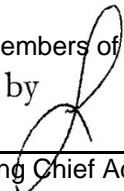




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DATE: June 4, 2015

SUBJECT: HRM Asset Names

ORIGIN

HRM has received asset naming requests from the period of September 9, 2014 to April 31, 2015

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

Administrative Order Number 46, Respecting HRM Asset Naming Policies

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Halifax Regional Council approve:

1. The addition of the name William White to the existing Commemorative Names List as shown on Attachment A;
2. The renaming of the Greenwood Heights Ballfield to the Kevin Cox Ballfield, in the Greenwood Heights Park as shown on Attachment B;
3. The renaming of the Tantallon Elementary (Junior) Sportsfield to the Bryan Harvey Sportsfield, in the Tantallon Elementary (Junior) Park as shown on Attachment C;
4. The park feature name Lapierre Ballfield, for the new park feature in the Lakeshore Drive Park as shown on Attachment D;
5. The renaming of the Franklyn Street Park, Dartmouth to the Feetham Park as shown on Attachment E; and
6. The administrative park names as outlined in Attachment F.

BACKGROUND

HRM's Asset Naming Policy Administrative Order (A.O.46) allows any person or group to apply for a commemorative name for HRM assets, particularly streets, parks or buildings. The A.O. requires the Civic Addressing Coordinator to consult with at least one representative from each asset category, the municipal archivist, and a representative from HRM Cultural Affairs on each application. This group forms the HRM Asset Naming Committee. The Committee also consults with the local Councillor(s) for each application. This report outlines the fifth list of recommended names since the adoption of the Asset Naming Policy in 2010.

Requests

The HRM Asset Naming Committee is recommending Regional Council approve eight requests for the period between September 9, 2014 to April 31, 2015 as outlined below:

- a) 1 name to be added to the commemorative names list;
- b) 3 requests to rename park features with a commemorative name;
- c) 1 request to rename a park to the locally known name; and
- d) 3 administrative park names.

DISCUSSION

The HRM Asset Naming Committee recommends that Regional Council approve all eight requests as outlined below:

Commemorative Names List:

Commemorative names recognize individual persons, groups of people and geographic features. The Asset Naming criteria states that individuals who have demonstrated excellence, courage or exceptional service to the citizens of HRM, the Province of Nova Scotia and/or Canada may be recognized. HRM has received one commemorative name applications for William White.

This name meets the criteria of the HRM Asset Naming Policies. Therefore, the Asset Naming Committee recommends that this application, as outlined in Attachment A, be approved and added to the commemorative name list.

Park Feature Naming:

The Committee recommends approval of three requests to name park features, Kevin Cox Ballfield, within the Greenwood Heights Park (Attachment B), Bryan Harvey Sportsfield, within the Tantallon Elementary (Junior) Park (Attachment C), Lapierre Ballfield, within the Lakeshore Drive Park (Attachment D).

Park Renaming – Housekeeping Item:

The Committee recommends renaming Franklyn Street Park, Dartmouth to Feetham Park as the research (Attachment E) indicates that this was the original name of the park and that the current name, Franklyn Street Park, name is incorrect. This park is named after the previous land owner, Andrew Feetham.

Administrative Park Names:

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

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are minimal costs associated with the administration of the HRM'S Asset Naming policy. These costs can be accommodated within the existing 2015-2016 operating budget for C330-Civic Addressing. With regards to the renaming of the park, the park sign is scheduled to be installed and the costs can be accommodated within the existing 2015-2016 operating budget for W180-Playgrounds East. In cases where park features such as sportsfields are named, the cost of signage will be the responsibility of the applicant.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The community engagement process for this exercise is consistent with the intent of the HRM Community Engagement Strategy. The level of community engagement is ongoing and is achieved through promotion online and the creation of printed marketing material and engaging local interest groups, schools, universities and the Royal Canadian Legions. Any member of the community is welcome to submit applications for commemorative names within HRM.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no environmental implications associated with this report.

ALTERNATIVES

1. Regional Council could choose to not approve some, or all, of the requested names. This alternative is not recommended as the names meet the Council approved criteria as outlined in HRM Asset Naming Policies.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A- William White's Application
Attachment B – Kevin Cox's Application
Attachment C – Bryan Harvey's Application
Attachment D – Greg Lapierre's Application
Attachment E – Franklyn Street Park/Feetham Park Research
Attachment F – Administrative Park Names

A copy of this report can be obtained online at <http://www.halifax.ca/council/agendasc/cagenda.php> then choose the appropriate meeting date, or by contacting the Office of the Municipal Clerk at 902.490.4210, or Fax 902.490.4208.

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Attachment A – William White’s Application

Request

- name a street or park

Geographic Location

- Halifax (north end preferred)

Request to be considered under the following criteria

- requested name reflects the history and/or culture of HRM's culturally diverse communities
- requested name is historically significant to the development of HRM, NS and/or Canada
- individual(s) who have risked his/her life to save or protect others.

Biography (as provided by applicant)

Reverend Captain William Andrew White, II, D.D. (June 16, 1874 – September, 1936) was an American-born Canadian missionary and World War I chaplain, the only black chaplain in the entire British Army during the war. He was also the father of singer Portia White.

He was born to former slaves in King and Queen County, Virginia. He came to Nova Scotia in 1900 after a Canadian school teacher in Baltimore, Maryland impressed him with descriptions of the province. He pictured this land as his key to freedom. He became the second black man accepted by Acadia University and the first to be later honoured with a Doctorate of Divinity. Rev. White graduated from Acadia in 1903 with an arts degree in Theology, was ordained a minister, and spent the next two years as a travelling missionary for the African Baptist Churches of Nova Scotia.

In 1916, Rev. White enlisted in the No. 2 Construction Battalion, an all-black segregated unit serving in World War I. He was the only black chaplain in the entire British Army and was a commissioned officer serving with the rank of Captain. Following the war, Rev. White returned home to Halifax and was called to Cornwallis Street Baptist Church, a position he held for over 17 years. During the early 1930s, his services were broadcast over the radio every month, and they were heard throughout the Maritimes. His grandchildren include Senator Donald Oliver, politician and activist Sheila White and folk musician Chris White. The novelist and playwright George Elliott Clarke is his great-grandson.

Attachment B – Kevin Cox’s Application

Request

- rename the Greenwood Heights Ballfield, within the Greenwood Heights Park

Geographic Location

124 Greenwood Ave, Timberlea

Request to be considered under the following criteria

- individuals(s) who have an extraordinary community service record

Biography (provided by applicant)

For the last 25 years Mr. Cox has been involved with the Softball Association who uses this field. He has been the league president, an umpire, organizer and a coach. Several years ago Kevin changed careers and began full time studies to become a minister. He runs two family tournaments per year for the last many years. Prior to HRM taking over the field he used to service it himself to ensure that it was well maintained. He would prepare the field (rakes, chalk lines etc. when needed). Kevin has been named Maritimer of the Week for his community service efforts. He used his own funds to buy equipment for the league some years and gave an incredible number of hours over the past 25 years. It is agreed that there may not have still been a league if it hadn't been for Kevin.

Support

- petition of support signed by 81 local residents
- local Councillor
- support from all three tenants of the ball field (Timberlea Softball Association, The Timberlea Titans Football and The Hammonds Plains Baseball Association)

Attachment C – Bryan Harvey’s Application

Request

- rename the Tantallon Elementary (Junior) Sportsfield, within the Tantallon Elementary (Junior) Park

Geographic Location

- 3 French Village Station Rd, Upper Tantallon

Request to be considered under the following criteria

- individuals(s) who have an extraordinary community service record
- requested name reflects the history and/or culture of HRM’s culturally diverse communities
- requested name is historically significant to the development of HRM, NS and/or Canada

Biography (provided by applicant)

Mr. Harvey passed away on Tuesday, February 28, 2012 at home with his family by his side. He was born in London, England and immigrated to Canada with his family.

Bryan was an avid soccer fan and player. He was instrumental in the creation of youth soccer in the St. Margarets Bay area and helped form the St. Margarets Bay Saints soccer club in 1983/84. The Saints joined with the Timberlea Titans and Brookside Tigers in 1998 to form HCU. The club now provides soccer to over 2200 player each year.

Bryan coached youth and senior soccer for many years as well as played with various teams throughout his life. He coached the local Halifax “Select” team (which would be considered tier 1 today). In 1984 the u12 Halifax Selects won the provincial championships. In the mid to late 80s he also began to coach Senior Men’s soccer in the Nova Scotia first division.

Before immigrating to Canada, Bryan served in The Merchant Navy and the Royal Air Force.

Support

- local Councillor
- outgoing and incoming Principals of the Tantallon Elementary School

Attachment D – Greg Lapierre’s Application

Request

- name the new Ballfield, within the Lakeshore Drive Park

Geographic Location

- 20 Lakeshore Dr., Hammonds Plains

Request to be considered under the following criteria

- individuals(s) who have an extraordinary community service record

Biography (provided by applicant)

Mr. Lapierre was born in February of 1964 and recently passed away in January of 2015. He and his wife Holly, lived in Hammonds Plains for 13 years with their two children.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Lapierre volunteered with the Hammonds Plains Baseball Association. This season marked their 10th year of Presidency of the association, over this time the enrollment has grown 400%. In 2014, the association was the association of the year.

Every year they organize a girls day where players from the Toronto Blue Jays come out to teach the 200 girls participating. They also organize Challenger baseball teams, where children with mental and physical disabilities have the opportunity to play baseball. They have started a junior executive team of volunteers, which involves older kids helping younger children in every way possible. Approximately 100 umpires are also enlisted to help.

The Lapierras along with the Junior Executive team are involved with the Hammonds Plains Volunteer Fire Department’s annual food drive in December, which fills 4 food banks. They are also both avid volunteers with the Christmas Daddies every year.

Support

- local Councillor
- Kingswood Ratepayers Association

Attachment E – Franklyn Street Park/Feetham Park Research

Request

- rename Franklyn Street Park to Feetham Park

Geographic Location

- 6 Franklyn Street, Dartmouth

Background Research

Staff received an email from a local resident requesting that the park sign for Feetham Park be reinstalled at the park on Franklyn Street.

Staff confirmed that the previous land owner was Andrew Feetham and that the deed for the property was transferred to the City of Dartmouth after he passed away in 1978. Staff were also able to find a reference in the Dartmouth City minutes (1976-1980) with a reference to Feetham Park. The Council awarded a tender on Oct 3, 1978 for the Brompton Park- Feetham Park multi use court playground, as part of the South Woodside Neighbourhood Improvement Program project. Further, staff located an old parks maintenance list that has the park listed as Feetham Park.

Attachment F – Administrative Park Names

1. Rosley Road Park
- Rosley Rd., Beaver Bank (District 14)
2. Sackville Cross Road Community Park
- 97 Sackville Cross Road, Lower Sackville (District 15)
3. Shady Vista Drive Park
- 50 Shady Vista Dr., Hatchet Lake (District 11)