

Report to/Rapport au:

**Community and Protective Services Committee
Comité des services communautaires et de protection**

and Council / et au Conseil

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Ward: RIDEAU-GOULBOURN (21)	Reference Number: ACS2012-CMR-CCB-0085
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<u>SUBJECT:</u>	Commemorative Naming Proposal – Major W. Ross Chamberlain Park
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<u>OBJET:</u>	Proposition de nomination commémorative - Parc du Major-W.Ross-Chamberlain
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REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

That Community and Protective Services Committee recommend that Council approve the proposal to name a future park in the Mahogany Development in Manotick as “Major W. Ross Chamberlain Park.”

RECOMMANDATIONS DU RAPPORT

Que le Comité des services communautaires et de protection recommande que le Conseil municipale approuve l’attribution du nom « parc du Major-W.-Ross-Chamberlain » à un parc, qui sera situé dans la collectivité Mahogany, à Manotick.

BACKGROUND

The Commemorative Naming Policy, approved by City Council on July 24, 2002, outlines the criteria and process for commemoratively naming municipal streets, parks and facilities (or parts thereof).

With respect to criteria, a commemorative name honours individuals who are (or have been) citizens of the City of Ottawa or have made a specific contribution to the City of Ottawa and:

- Demonstrated excellence, courage or exceptional service to the citizens of the City of Ottawa, the Province of Ontario and/or Canada;
- Provided extensive community service, or who have an extraordinary community service record;
- Worked to foster equality and reduce discrimination;
- Where the nominated individual is a current City employee, the individual shall have made an outstanding contribution to the City of Ottawa outside of his/her capacity and duties as a City employee or they may be recognized for their exceptional service once they are no longer a City employee;
- The nominated individual has made a significant financial contribution to a park or facility and the contribution significantly benefits the community that the park or facility serves (i.e. the park or facility may not have otherwise been possible without the financial assistance);
- The nominated name has historical significance to the community, City of Ottawa, Province of Ontario, or Canada.

Any member of the public or City Council may submit a name to the City for consideration. The process is initiated through submission of a Commemorative Naming application and support material. The policy provides a process for the nomination of the following: a name to be added to the commemorative names reserve list for future consideration; a name for a particular venue selected by the applicant; a name for a venue that is presently named.

As part of the process, the Commemorative Naming Committee—consisting of applicable City staff, the Mayor and affected Members of Council—provides an initial approval based on the policy’s criteria and the information provided by the nominator. Staff is then directed to ensure there is community support for the choice by initiating a 60-day consultation phase. Following the consultation process, the Commemorative Naming Committee reviews the public feedback and makes a final recommendation on the nomination, which is subsequently considered by the appropriate Standing Committee and City Council.

The membership of the Commemorative Naming Committee consists of the City Clerk and Solicitor, the Chief Building Official, the General Manager, Parks, Recreation and Culture, the General Manager, Public Works, the Mayor and the Ward Councillor, or their respective designates.

DISCUSSION

An application to commemorate World War II veteran and long-time community volunteer Major W. Ross Chamberlain, was submitted by Erin O’Connor c/o Minto Communities Inc. The proposal would name a future park in the Mahogany Development in Manotick as “Major W. Ross Chamberlain Park.”

The Commemorative Naming Committee reviewed the application and endorsed the proposed name under the following criterion:

- *The nominated individual has demonstrated excellence, courage or exceptional service to the citizens of the City of Ottawa, the Province of Ontario and/or Canada.*

Supporting information about Major W. Ross Chamberlain is found in the attached Document 1.

Following the initial endorsement of the application, the public consultation process (outlined below) was carried out for the mandated 60-day period. Following the consultation process, the Commemorative Naming Committee reconvened to review all comments received. At its meeting of January 10, 2013, the Commemorative Naming Committee endorsed the naming application and directed staff to forward this recommendation to the Community and Protective Services Committee and City Council.

RURAL IMPLICATIONS

The new park in question will be located in the rural ward of Rideau-Goulbourn (21).

CONSULTATION

An integral part of the Commemorative Naming process is public consultation on the proposed name. The following outlines the consultation undertaken for the Major W. Ross Chamberlain proposal.

At its meeting of September 6, 2012, the Commemorative Naming Committee approved a 60-day public consultation on a proposal to name a future park, in the Mahogany Development in Manotick as "Major W. Ross Chamberlain Park." The 60-day public consultation began on October 5, 2012 and concluded on December 4, 2012. The public consultation notice was placed on Ottawa.ca/namingottawa and circulated through a Public Service Announcement (including Twitter) October 5, 2012.

By the end of day on December 4, 2012, the City Clerk's Office had received no responses on this proposal.

COMMENTS BY THE WARD COUNCILLOR(S)

Councillor Moffatt supports this proposal.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no legal impediments to the implementation of the recommendation in this report.

RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

There are no risk management implications associated with this report.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Infrastructure Services Department

Signage for new parks is the responsibility of the Planning and Groth Management Department. There are funds available for signage in this branch's 2013 budget.

City Clerk and Solicitor Department

Financial associated with purchasing a plaque, boulder and/or hosting a naming ceremony are provided through the City Clerk's operating budget.

While demand has outpaced resources for several years, the practice has been to accommodate the commemorations within the \$20,000 annual budget and Members of Council and the public are made aware that, once the budget has been spent in any given year, any events will need to carry over into the next year.

ACCESSIBILITY IMPACTS

There are no accessibility impacts associated with this report.

TECHNOLOGY IMPLICATIONS

There are no technical implications associated with this report.

TERM OF COUNCIL PRIORITIES

N/A

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Document 1 – Summary of Major W. Ross Chamberlain Park Proposal

DISPOSITION

Following Council's approval of the Major W. Ross Chamberlain Park commemorative naming proposal, staff will work with the Ward Councillor to coordinate an event to unveil a plaque.

Document 1 - Commemorative Naming Proposal - Major W. Ross Chamberlain Park

Ross Chamberlain served his country in World War II. As a member of the Fourth Princess Louise Dragoon Guards' reconnaissance division, he formed part of the first Canadian Infantry Division in the Italian campaign and also part of the 5th Canadian Armoured Division in north-west Europe. Mr. Chamberlain was awarded the Military Cross, in recognition of his "exemplary gallantry during active operations against the enemy on land." Lieutenant Chamberlain demonstrated particular courage on May 21, 1944 when he led a successful attack against Axis forces in Italy. Selflessly, he risked his own safety to rescue an injured soldier from danger.

After retirement from the military in 1962, Mr. Chamberlain became a devoted member of The Royal Canadian Legion in Manotick. He served there for 36 years, during which time he took a particular interest in Youth Education. He founded and chaired the Youth Education Committee and he developed the student Bursary programme for hard-working high school students entering into post-secondary education. He was made a Life Member of the Manotick Branch and was presented the Legion's 75th Anniversary Medal in 2001 for his extensive contributions.

In addition to his service with the military and the Legion, Mr. Chamberlain was particularly devoted to providing service to the senior citizens of the community. He started the Rideau Seniors Association, helped to found the Manotick Seniors Citizens' Service Centre, and campaigned for accessibility rights for the seniors and people with disabilities. He was also involved in the creation of Highfield Apartments, a low-cost residence for seniors, and he helped to form a non-profit cafe in Manotick called The Miller's Oven. The Miller's Oven is run by volunteers, and its mission is to provide an environment where seniors can socialize and network comfortably. The gratuities are donated to local community groups such as food banks, seniors groups and outreach programs.

Ross Chamberlain also founded the Rideau Fish and Game Club and was deeply involved with the Manotick United Church. In his professional life, Mr. Chamberlain was committed to youth as a teacher and guidance counsellor at Fisher Park High School and later Merivale High School.

Proposition de nomination commémorative - Parc du Major-W.Ross-Chamberlain

Ross Chamberlain a servi son pays pendant la Deuxième Guerre mondiale. À titre de membre de la division de reconnaissance des Fourth Princess Louise Dragoon Guards, il a fait partie de la 1^{re} Division d'infanterie canadienne lors de la campagne d'Italie ainsi que de la 5^e Division blindée canadienne dans le Nord-Ouest de l'Europe. Le lieutenant Chamberlain a reçu la Croix militaire en reconnaissance de son courage exemplaire lors d'opérations actives au sol contre l'ennemi. Il a particulièrement fait preuve de courage le 21 mai 1944. Alors qu'il menait une attaque (couronnée de succès) contre les forces de l'Axe en Italie, il a risqué sa propre vie pour sauver celle d'un soldat blessé.

Après avoir quitté l'Armée en 1962, M. Chamberlain est devenu un membre dévoué de la filiale de Manotick de la Légion royale canadienne, au sein de laquelle il a travaillé 36 ans. Pendant cette période, il s'est particulièrement intéressé à l'éducation des jeunes. Il a fondé et présidé le Comité d'éducation des jeunes et a mis sur pied un programme de bourses d'études postsecondaires à l'intention d'élèves du secondaire travailleurs. Il a été fait membre à vie de la filiale de Manotick et, en 2001, a reçu la médaille du 75^e anniversaire de la Légion pour ses nombreuses contributions.

En plus d'avoir été membre de l'armée et de la Légion, M. Chamberlain s'est particulièrement employé à offrir des services aux aînés de sa collectivité. Il a mis sur pied la Rideau Seniors Association, a contribué à l'établissement du Senior Citizens' Service Centre de Manotick, et a fait campagne pour le droit à l'accessibilité au nom des aînés et des personnes handicapées. Il a également participé à la création de la résidence à loyers modiques pour aînés Highfield Apartments et a facilité la formation du café sans but lucratif The Miller's Oven, à Manotick. Géré par des bénévoles, ce café a pour mission d'offrir aux aînés un endroit propice à la socialisation et au réseautage. Les pourboires sont versés à des groupes communautaires locaux, comme des banques d'alimentation, des groupes d'aînés et des programmes de rayonnement.

M. Chamberlain a également fondé le Rideau Fish and Game Club et a été un membre très actif de l'Église Unie, à Manotick. Il s'est dévoué auprès des jeunes comme enseignant et conseiller en orientation à l'école secondaire Fisher Park, puis à l'école secondaire Merivale.