

Report to / Rapport au:

**Ottawa Public Library Board
Conseil d'administration de la Bibliothèque publique d'Ottawa**

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**SUBJECT: Commemorative Namings – Grace Thompson Room – Stittsville
Branch, and Dolorès and Marcel Bériault – Orléans Branch**

**OBJET: Nom commémoratives – Salle Grace Thompson – Succursale
Stittsville et Salle Dolorès et Marcel Bériault – Succursale Orléans**

REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Ottawa Public Library Board approve:

- 1. The proposal to name a room within the Stittsville branch the “Grace Thompson Room;” and,**
- 2. Updating the signage for the Bériault room within the Orléans branch to include both Dolorès and Marcel Bériault.**

RECOMMANDATIONS DU RAPPORT

Que le Conseil d'administration de la Bibliothèque publique d'Ottawa approuve:

- 1. La proposition de désignation de salle de la succursale Stittsville du nom de « salle Grace Thompson;» et**

2. Mise à jour de la signalisation de la salle Bériault de la succursale d'Orléans pour inclure Dolorès et Marcel Bériault.

BACKGROUND

At its meeting of August 19, 2013, the Ottawa Public Library Board approved a recommendation to adopt the City's criteria and process for commemoratively naming OPL buildings or spaces within library buildings (including mobile units) as outlined in the City of Ottawa's Commemorative Naming Policy for Municipal Parks, Streets, and Facilities.

A commemorative name honours individuals who are (or have been) citizens of the City of Ottawa, or who 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, including Board and Council members, may submit a name to the City for consideration. City staff review the name against other criteria and if there are no issues, forwards the nomination to the Commemorative Naming Committee ("CNC") for review of the formal application. Where the proposal is to name a Library

facility, the CNC is comprised of the Library Chief Executive Officer and the Chair of the Ottawa Public Library Board, or their designates.

As part of the process, the CNC provides an initial approval based on the policy's criteria and the information provided by the nominator. City staff then ensure there is community support for the choice by initiating a 30-day public consultation phase.

Following the consultation process, the CNC reviews the public feedback and makes a final recommendation on the nomination, which is subsequently considered by the Ottawa Public Library Board. In cases where no public objections are received, proposals may be brought directly to the Ottawa Public Library Board without the need for a second CNC meeting.

DISCUSSION

Grace Thompson Room

An application to commemorate Grace Thompson was submitted by Barbara Bottriel and Lesley McKay. Under the proposal, a room located at the Stittsville branch would be named "Grace Thompson Room."

The CNC met on February 6, 2017 to review the application and endorsed the proposed name under the following criterion:

- The nominated name has historical significance to the community, City of Ottawa, Province of Ontario or Canada.

Supporting information about Grace Thompson is found in the attached Document 1.

Dolorès and Marcel Bériault Room

An application to commemorate Dolorès and Marcel Bériault was submitted by Louis Patry from the Société franco-ontarienne du patrimoine et de l'histoire d'Orléans (SFOPHO). Under the proposal, the request seeks to commemorate Dolorès and Marcel Bériault, not simply the family name Bériault.

The Office of the City Clerk and Solicitor advised that the application did not fit within the parameters of the Commemorative Naming Policy as the application neither constitutes a "new" naming nor a "re-naming" under the Policy.

The larger room near the entrance at the Orléans branch is already named the Bériault Room, a reminder of the dedication of its founders Dolorès and Marcel who were recognized for their service in 1978 when the Gloucester Public Library Commission named the Orléans branch “Bériault.” When the branch was moved in 1993 to its current location at 1705 Orléans Boulevard, the room did not reflect both names, it was simply named “Bériault.”

Staff recommend that the Board proceed with updating the room signage (plaque) to highlight both Dolorès and Marcel Bériault’s work with the library community, to be consistent with our current protocols for room signage.

CONSULTATION

Grace Thompson Room

An integral part of the Commemorative Naming Process is public consultation on the proposed name. On February 7, 2017, relevant information was communicated through a public service announcement and posted on Ottawa.ca for a 30-day public consultation on the proposed name through the Office of the City Clerk and Solicitor.

The Clerk’s office received one comment in favour of this proposal. (*Held on file with the Chief Executive Officer*)

Dolorès and Marcel Bériault

Consultation was not required with this proposal as it did not meet the parameters of the Commemorative Naming Policy as the application neither constitutes a “new” naming nor a “re-naming” under the Policy.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no legal implications associated with this report.

RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

There are no risk management implications associated with this report.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Financial expenditures associated with these Commemorative Naming proposals for advertisements, and the costs of purchasing plaques, signs and/or hosting naming

ceremonies are provided through the OPL Board budget, approximately \$1,500 per naming. For the Dolorès and Marcel Bériault room, the signage cost is approximately \$800.

ACCESSIBILITY IMPACTS

There are no accessibility impacts associated with this report.

TECHNOLOGY IMPLICATIONS

There are no technology implications associated with this report.

BOARD PRIORITIES

This aligns with the OPL Board Strategic Directions and Priorities, specifically: SUCCESS through learning, literacy, and innovation: Strengthen the Library's reach and value.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Document 1 – Summary of Proposal: Grace Thompson Room (English and French).

DISPOSITION

Pending Board approval of these naming proposals, staff will work with the nominators, the branches, the Board Chair, and the Ward Councillors to coordinate a ceremonial event to unveil the plaque for the Grace Thompson room. For the Dolorès and Marcel Bériault room, the signage will be updated accordingly.