

**Report to  
Rapport au:**

**Community and Protective Services Committee  
Comité des services communautaires et de protection  
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**Ward:** STITTSVILLE (6)

**File Number:** ACS2017-CCS-GEN-0018

**SUBJECT: Commemorative Naming Proposal – Mary Durling Park**

**OBJET: Proposition de nom commémoratif – parc Mary- Durling**

#### **REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS**

**That the Community and Protective Services Committee recommend Council  
approve the proposal to name Cypress Gardens Park, located at 33 Brae  
Crescent, “Mary Durling Park”.**

## **RECOMMANDATIONS DU RAPPORT**

**Que le Comité des services communautaires et de protection recommande à son tour au Conseil d'approuver la demande visant à changer le nom du parc Cypress Gardens, situé au 33 rue Brae, à « parc Mary-Durling».**

## **BACKGROUND**

The Commemorative Naming Policy, approved by City Council on July 24, 2002, as amended, 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 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 or City Council may submit a name to the City for consideration through a formal Commemorative Naming application and supporting material.

Staff review the name against other criteria (e.g. potential issues for 9-1-1, whether there is an existing commemoration for the same nomination, etc.) and if there are no issues of this nature, forwards the nomination to the Commemorative Naming Committee (“CNC”), consisting of the City Clerk and Solicitor, the General Manager, Planning, Infrastructure and Economic Development, the General Manager, Recreation, Cultural and Facility Services, the General Manager, Public Works and Environmental Services, the Mayor and the Ward Councillor or their respective designates; the CNC reviews the formal application.

As part of the process, the CNC 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 30-day public consultation phase. Where the proposal is to rename a park or facility, the Policy requires a 60-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 appropriate Standing Committee and City Council. In cases where no public objections are received, proposals are brought directly to the appropriate Standing Committee and Council without the need for a second CNC meeting.

## **DISCUSSION**

Anne Murphy submitted an application to commemorate Mary Durling, as described in document 1. Under the proposal, Cypress Gardens located at 33 Brae street would be named “Mary Durling Park”.

The CNC met on April 27, 2017 to review the application and endorsed the proposed name under the following criterion:

- The nominated individual has provided extensive community service and has an extraordinary community service record;

## **RURAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no rural implications associated with this report.

## **CONSULTATION**

An integral part of the Commemorative Naming Process is public consultation on the proposed name. On February 7th, 2017, the City announced a 30-day public

consultation on the proposed name. The relevant information was communicated through a public service announcement, the City of Ottawa Twitter accounts and posted to Ottawa.ca.

The 30-day public consultation period ended on March 8, 2017. The Office of the City Clerk and Solicitor received eighteen comments in support of the application and two comments in opposition.

### **COMMENTS BY THE WARD COUNCILLOR(S)**

The Ward Councillor is supportive of this recommendation.

### **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

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

### **RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS**

There are no risk implications associated with this report.

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Office of the City Clerk and Solicitor

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

While demand has outpaced resources for several years, the practice has been to accommodate the commemorations within the \$18,000 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 related to the recommendation in this report.

### **TERM OF COUNCIL PRIORITIES**

Not applicable.

### **SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION**

Document 1 – Summary of Proposal: Mary Durling Park (Ward 6 – Stittsville)

**DISPOSITION**

Following Council approval of the proposal, staff will work with the Ward Councillor to coordinate a ceremonial event to unveil a plaque.

## Document 1

**Mary Durling Park (Ward 6 – Stittsville)**

A longtime resident of Stittsville, Mary Durling was well known within the community where she canvassed and campaigned on behalf of numerous charities and foundations, in addition to donating her time through her own extensive volunteer efforts.

Named Stittsville Senior Citizen of the Year in 2009 for her contribution to Stittsville life through her charity work and as a member of the Ladies' Auxilliary of the Royal Canadian Legion (Branch 618, since 1970), she was also a beloved member of the Legion's Dart League, a faithful supporter and parishioner of Holy Spirit Catholic Parish, and could be seen at many local community events where she was considered by many to be the 'heart and soul of Stittsville' and an inspiration to those around her.