

**Report to  
Rapport au:**

**Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee  
Comité de l'agriculture et des affaires rurales  
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**and Council  
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**Ward: RIDEAU-GOULBOURN (21)**

**File Number: ACS2018-CCS-GEN-0022**

**SUBJECT: Commemorative Naming Proposal – Mike O’Neil Arena**

**OBJET: Proposition de nom commémoratif – aréna Mike-O’Neil**

#### **REPORT RECOMMENDATION**

**That the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee recommend Council approve the proposal to name the arena within the Manotick Community Centre, located at 5572 Doctor Leach Drive, the “Mike O’Neil Arena”.**

#### **RECOMMANDATION DU RAPPORT**

**Que le Comité de l'agriculture et des affaires rurales recommande au Conseil d'approuver la proposition visant à nommer l'« aréna » qui se trouve dans le Centre communautaire de Manotick, situé au 5572, promenade Doctor-Leach, « aréna Mike-O'Neil ».**

## **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).

Where the naming of a street, municipal park, parts of a park, facility, or parts of a facility is being requested, at least one of the following criteria shall apply:

- 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.

The proposed name is reviewed against criteria such as potential issues for 9-1-1 or whether there is an existing commemoration for the same nomination. If there are no issues of concern, the Commemorative Naming Committee (“CNC”) will meet to review the formal application and proposal. The CNC membership is 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.

As part of the process, the CNC provides an initial approval based on the policy’s criteria and the information provided by the nominator. To ensure there is community support for the choice, staff will initiate 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, followed by considered by the appropriate Standing Committee and City Council. If no public objections are received, the Committee and Council will consider the proposal directly, without the need for a CNC meeting.

## **DISCUSSION**

David Arntfield, on behalf of the Manotick Community Association Expansion Committee, submitted an application to commemorate Mike O’Neil, as described in Document 1. Under the proposal, the arena within the Manotick Community Centre, located at 5572 Doctor Leach Drive, will be named the “Mike O’Neil Arena”.

The CNC met on May 23, 2018 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.

In accordance with the Council-approved Commemorative Naming Policy, in cases where there is no objection received during the public consultation period, a report can be submitted directly to the appropriate Standing Committee and Council, without reconvening a CNC meeting.

As the public consultation period did not result in any objections, the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee will consider the “Mike O’Neil Arena” proposal directly.

**RURAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no rural implications associated with this report.

**CONSULTATION**

An integral part of the Commemorative Naming Process is public consultation. On May 23, 2018, the City announced a 30-day public consultation on the proposed name. A public service announcement, the City's Twitter account, and the Ottawa.ca website provided relevant information on the proposal.

The 30-day public consultation period ended on June 21, 2018. The City Clerk and Solicitor's Office received 33 comments in support of the application.

**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**

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

**ACCESSIBILITY IMPACTS**

The report recommendation does not have any accessibility impacts.

**TERM OF COUNCIL PRIORITIES**

Not applicable.

**SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION**

Document 1 – Summary of Proposal: Mike O'Neil Arena (Ward 21 – Rideau-Goulbourn)

**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

### **Mike O'Neil Arena (Ward 21 – Rideau-Goulbourn)**

In recognition of his extensive community service, the City of Ottawa has been asked to name the arena within the Manotick Community Centre, located at 5572 Doctor Leach Drive, the "Mike O'Neil Arena".

Mike O'Neil is a long-time resident, living in the Village of Manotick since 1985. During this time, he has championed many local initiatives and has been involved with significant fundraising activities. Mike is a devoted community advocate, and holds a keen passion for hockey.

Mike has spent time on the executive committee of the Osgoode Rideau Minor Hockey Association and has been a coach with the organization for 4 years. Further, he has been a founding member and President of the Manotick Community Association, a founding member and Vice President of the Manotick Culture, Parks and Recreation Association, the Vice President and President of the Manotick Masters Hockey League, founder and President of the Manotick Monday Night Hockey League, championing fundraising and maintenance for local outdoor rinks, and involved with the Manotick Community Centre Expansion Committee.

Mike O'Neil's commitment and leadership has resulted in substantial community enhancements for Manotick residents and businesses.