

**Report to
Rapport au:**

**Community and Protective Services Committee
Comité des services communautaires et de protection
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Ward: SOMERSET (14)

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SUBJECT: Commemorative Naming Proposal – Barbara Selkirk Lobby

OBJET: Proposition de nom commémoratif – Hall Barbara Selkirk

REPORT RECOMMENDATION

**That the Community and Protective Services Committee recommend Council
approve the proposal to name the lobby within the McNabb Recreation Centre,
located at 180 Percy Street, the “Barbara Selkirk Lobby”.**

RECOMMANDATION DU RAPPORT

Que le Comité des services communautaires et de protection recommande au Conseil d'approuver la proposition visant à nommer le hall du Centre récréatif McNabb, situé au 180, rue Percy, « Hall Barbara-Selkirk ».

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 Masrour submitted an application to commemorate Barbara Selkirk, as described in Document 1. Under the proposal, the lobby within the McNabb Recreation Centre, located at 180 Percy Street, will be named the “Barbara Selkirk Lobby”.

The CNC met on July 12, 2018 to review 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.

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 Community and Protective Services Committee will consider the “Barbara Selkirk Lobby” 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 July 13, 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 August 11, 2018. The City Clerk and Solicitor's Office received 8 comments in support of the application.

COMMENTS BY THE WARD COUNCILLOR(S)

The Ward Councillor is strongly supportive of this recommendation.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no legal impediments to implementing 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 the 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: Barbara Selkirk Lobby (Ward 14 – Somerset)

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

Barbara Selkirk Lobby (Ward 14 – Somerset)

In recognition of the exceptional service to the citizens of Ottawa and specifically the Centretown area, the City of Ottawa has been asked to name the lobby area within the McNabb Recreation Centre, located at 180 Percy Street, the “Barbara Selkirk Lobby”.

Barbara “Barb” Selkirk was a dedicated City of Ottawa employee at the McNabb Arena and Recreation Centre from 1988 to 2014. A resident of the Centretown community and member of the McNabb Recreation Organization, Barb was a strong advocate for inclusivity and accessibility. She worked closely with Capital Pride Youth and at risk youth in the LGBTQ2+ community to provide a safe, inclusive and accepting environment for all those attending the centre. Barb was also fundamental in providing feedback to the City’s Corporate Accessibility Office, ensuring the facility’s extensive renovations met accessibility standards. As a person with mobility limitations, Barb would cheerfully try out the accessibility features that now enable all residents to visit the recreation centre safely and easily.

Barb’s strength and passion in serving the community she loved was evident through her positive character. She treated everyone with respect and was an inspiration to those around her.