

Staff Report for Committee of the Whole Meeting

Date of Meeting: December 11, 2018

Report Number: SRPRS.18.191

Department: Planning and Regulatory Services

Division: Policy Planning

Subject: Naming of Parks – Follow-Up

Purpose:

To receive final approval for the names of three new park sites within the Town's park and natural heritage system.

Recommendation(s):

a) That the proposed names "Bill Bell Park", "Flood Farmstead Park" and "Jefferson Salamander Park" for the sites described in staff report SRPRS.18.176, attached as Appendix 'A' to staff report SRPRS.18.191, be granted final approval.

Contact Person:

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Report Approval:

Submitted by: Kelvin Kwan, Commissioner of Planning and Regulatory Services

Approved by: Neil Garbe, Chief Administrative Officer

All reports are electronically reviewed and/or approved by the Division Director, Treasurer (as required), Town Solicitor (as required), Commissioner, and Chief Administrative Officer. Details of the reports approval are attached.

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Background:

The park names "Bill Bell Park", "Flood Farmstead Park" and "Jefferson Salamander Park" were approved in principal by Council on September 4, 2018 (SRPRS.18.176) (see Appendix A). In accordance with the Town's *Policy for Naming and Renaming Town Parks, Open Space and Recreation Facilities* (see Appendix B), the proposed names were advertised in *The Liberal* newspaper and on the Town's website with a request for public comments over a 30-day commenting period. The 30-day commenting period has passed without any input/objections from the public. Therefore, staff are recommending that final approval be given to the names.

Financial/Staffing/Other Implications:

There are no financial, staffing or other implications associated with the recommendation of this report.

Relationship to the Strategic Plan:

Promoting the Town's cultural and natural heritage through park, natural area and recreation facility names fosters a sense of identity and place that contributes to a more vibrant Richmond Hill. Additionally, the naming process provides an opportunity for residents to become involved with their community.

Conclusion:

Pursuant to the Town's *Policy for Naming and Renaming Town Parks, Open Space and Recreation Facilities*, staff recommend that final approval be granted for the names "Bill Bell Park", "Flood Farmstead Park" and "Jefferson Salamander Park".

Attachments:

The following attached documents may include scanned images of appendixes, maps and photographs. If you require an alternative format please call contact person listed in this document.

- Appendix A, SRPRS.18.176 Naming of Parks
- Appendix B, Policy for Naming and Renaming Town Parks, Open Space and Recreation Facilities

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Report Approval Details

| Document Title: | SRPRS.18.191.docx |
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| Attachments: | Appendix A, SRPRS.18.176 – Naming of Parks Appendix B, Policy for Naming and Renaming Town Parks, Open Space and Recreation Facilities |
| Final Approval Date: | Nov 27, 2018 |

This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:

Patrick Lee - Nov 23, 2018 - 9:01 AM

Kelvin Kwan - Nov 23, 2018 - 2:06 PM

Neil Garbe - Nov 27, 2018 - 9:38 AM