

Committee of the Whole (2) Report

DATE: Tuesday, October 22, 2024

WARD(S): 4

TITLE: PARK NAMING REQUEST

FROM:

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ACTION: DECISION

Purpose

To seek Council approval with respect to a request for the renaming of the first phase of Edgeley Park to Cortellucci Square.

Report Highlights

- Requests for park naming are guided by City Policy No. TPF – 006 Naming City Parks, Open Spaces, Community Facilities and Other Municipal Buildings and Properties.
- A request was received by staff to rename the first phase of Edgeley Park located within the Vaughan Metropolitan Centre (VMC) Expo City development to Cortellucci Square.
- To align to the City's park naming convention, it is recommended that the first phase of Edgeley Park be renamed Cortellucci Square, which has been endorsed by the Cortellucci family.
- The proposed request to rename this section of Edgeley Park to Cortellucci Park abides by the city's naming policy and does not conflict with other existing park names, and accordingly, staff have no objection to the proposed park naming.

Recommendations

1. That the first phase of Edgeley Park be renamed Cortellucci Square in accordance with City Policy No. TPF-006 Naming City Parks, Open Spaces, Community Facilities and Other Municipal Buildings and Properties.

Background

The public may make requests to the City Clerk to name or change a name of City-owned assets in honour of individuals or groups.

In accordance with City Policy No. TPF-006 Naming City Parks, Open Spaces, Community Facilities and Other Municipal Buildings and Properties, any request to name or change a name in honour of individuals or groups shall be submitted to the Office of the City Clerk in writing by the applicant, with supporting explanation or justification. After an internal review convened by the City Clerk, staff shall forward the application to Council for consideration. A copy of the policy is appended as Attachment 1.

The policy ensures that the names chosen reflect the city's cultural, historical, and geographical significance, and honour individuals or organizations that have made substantial contributions to the community. Council shall consider all applications submitted in honour of individuals or groups.

The City has received a formal request from the Cortellucci family to rename Edgeley Park to Cortellucci Square. This request has been made in recognition of the Cortellucci family's significant economic and social contributions to the City of Vaughan, particularly their involvement in the development of the Vaughan Metropolitan Centre and their philanthropic efforts in the community. A copy of the application is appended as Attachment 2.

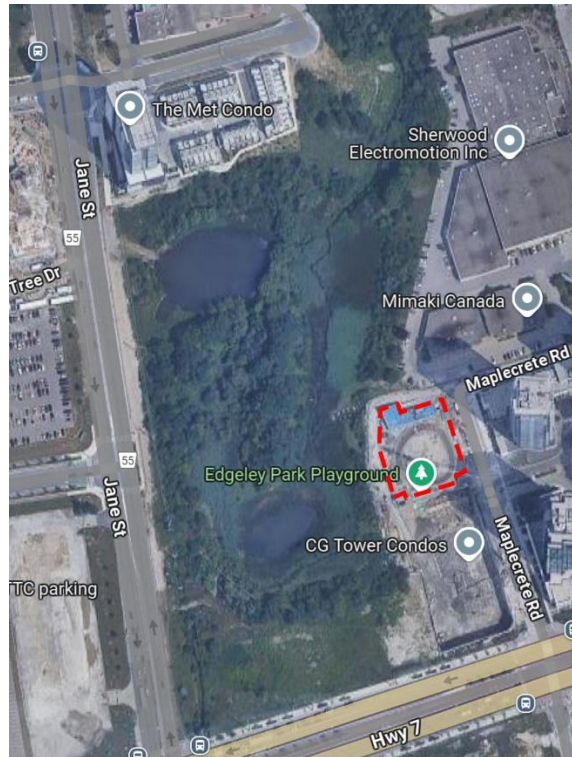
Previous Reports/Authority

Not applicable.

Analysis and Options

The Office of the City Clerk received an application for the proposed renaming of Edgeley Park to Cortellucci Square.

The City Clerk convened a meeting of relevant staff to review the application and once staff determined that all application requirements were met, the application was forwarded to Council for consideration. A copy of the application is appended as Attachment 2. To align to the City's park naming convention, it is recommended that the first phase of Edgeley Park located within the Expo City Development be renamed Cortellucci Square, which has been endorsed by the Cortellucci family. The diagram below depicts the boundaries.



The naming request meets criteria identified in City Policy No. TPF-006 Naming City Parks, Open Spaces, Community Facilities and Other Municipal Buildings and Properties.

The proposed naming request is consistent with City policy, specifically Section 3.3. Criteria and Guidelines for Names Honouring Individuals or Groups:

- 3.3.1 where there has been a significant contribution to the quality of life, well-being of the City of Vaughan, to memorialize or otherwise recognize substantial donations and significant donors, and/or individuals designated by donors and is consistent with Vaughan Vision 20/20; or
- 3.3.4 where there is a major contribution made to the acquisition, development, or conveyance of land and/or building, in question or its subsequent development.

Financial Impact

Not applicable.

Operational Impact

Not applicable.

Broader Regional Impacts/Considerations

Not applicable.

Conclusion

The proposed request to rename the first phase of Edgeley Park to Cortellucci Square abides by the City's Policy No. TPF – 006 Naming City Parks, Open Spaces, Community Facilities and Other Municipal Building and Properties and does not conflict with other existing park names, and accordingly, staff have no objection to the proposed park naming to Cortellucci Square.

For more information, please contact: Shanon Kalra-Ramjoo, Director, Parks, Forestry and Horticulture Operations, ext. 6308

Attachments

1. Policy No. TPF – 006 Naming City Parks, Open Spaces, Community Facilities and Other Municipal Building and Properties, June 8, 2010
2. Application for Parks Naming Submitted by Pietro Cortellucci

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