

## **MEMBER'S RESOLUTION**

### **Committee of the Whole (1)**

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**DATE:** Tuesday, November 05, 2024

**TITLE:** NAMING MATTEO CAPUTI PARK

**FROM:**

Mayor Steven Del Duca

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**Whereas**, Matteo Caputi, a six-year-old boy, tragically lost his life after being struck by a school bus in Kleinburg on the morning of June 19, 2024; and

**Whereas**, Matteo was a Grade 1 student at St. Stephen Catholic Elementary School, known for his joyful spirit and the happiness he brought to those fortunate to know him; and

**Whereas**, Matteo frequently played at the park near his home, bringing joy to his family, friends, and the community; and

**Whereas**, the incident sent shockwaves throughout the close-knit neighbourhood of Kleinburg, which mourns his loss alongside Matteo's family, demonstrating an outpouring of love and support through community memorials; and

**Whereas**, renaming a park in Matteo's honour would provide a meaningful tribute, reflecting the joy he brought to the lives of those around him and ensuring that his spirit continues to inspire future generations; and

**Whereas**, the naming recommendation outlined in this Member's Resolution is consistent with City of Vaughan's Naming City Parks, Open Spaces, Community Facilities and Other Municipal Buildings and Properties (TPF-006) corporate policy; and

**Whereas**, in accordance with section 3.6 of the abovementioned policy, by resolution Council may approve a name or name change, in honour of individuals or groups when circumstances justify such action; and

**Whereas**, the renaming of the park would offer a place of remembrance, reflection, and healing for Matteo’s family, friends, and the wider Vaughan community.

**It is therefore recommended:**

1. That, in accordance with the City of Vaughan’s Naming City Parks, Open Spaces, Community Facilities and Other Municipal Buildings and Properties (TPF-006) corporate policy, Council approves the renaming of Summit Park as Matteo Caputi Park;
2. That a plaque be installed at a suitable location at that park paying tribute to Matteo Caputi;
3. That City staff be directed to organize a City-led event to mark the above-mentioned renaming and plaque unveiling; and
4. That the City incur expenditures to complete the above-mentioned recommendations.

**Financial and Staff Resource Impact**

Existing operating budget will be leveraged to fund the proposed plaque.

**Attachments**

N/A