

MEMBERS' RESOLUTION

Committee of the Whole (1)

DATE: Tuesday, May 06, 2025

**TITLE: HONOURING THE LEGACY OF HONEY AND BARRY
SHERMAN: RENAMING WOOD VALLEY PARK IN THEIR
MEMORY**

FROM:

Councillor Chris Ainsworth
Councillor Gila Martow

Whereas, Honey and Barry Sherman were visionary leaders and philanthropists whose contributions to Vaughan and the Greater Toronto Area have left a profound and lasting legacy; and

Whereas, Honey and Barry Sherman dedicated their lives to improving the well-being of others through their generous support of healthcare, education and community initiatives, embodying the spirit of compassion and civic duty; and

Whereas, their philanthropic efforts have strengthened countless community organizations and institutions, enhancing the lives of Vaughan residents and beyond; and

Whereas, the newly constructed Honey and Barry Memorial Arena, located near Wood Valley Park, will soon open as a vibrant hub for hockey and community activities, making it fitting to honor the Shermans' legacy in this meaningful way; and

Whereas, renaming Wood Valley Park in Ward 4 in their memory will serve as a tribute to their generosity and commitment to Vaughan's growth, ensuring their names remain forever linked with the community they so deeply cared for; and

Whereas, the naming recommendation outlined in this Members' 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.

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 Wood Valley Park to "Honey and Barry Memorial Park" in honour of the enduring legacy of Honey and Barry Sherman, and directs City staff to take the necessary steps to implement this change, including but not limited to, appropriate signage and public information initiatives.

Financial and Staff Resource Impact

Existing operating budget will be leveraged to implement the above.

Attachment

1. Letter from Eric Miller, CFO of UJA Federation of Greater Toronto