

MEMBER'S RESOLUTION

Committee of the Whole (1)

DATE: Wednesday, June 04, 2025

TITLE: NAMING OF KLEINBURG WOODLOT

FROM: Councillor Marilyn Iafrate
Regional Councillor Mario Ferri

Whereas, Longtime resident and active community member Bob Klein lived in Kleinburg since 1975; and

Whereas, Bob Klein was a Director of the Kleinburg and Area Ratepayers Association (KARA) since 1978, a Past-President of KARA, and past Vice-President of Communications for KARA; and

Whereas, Bob Klein was a past Director of the Binder Twine Festival for many years and a past Director of Binder Twine Trust; and

Whereas, Bob Klein was a past Community Representative for the Kleinburg Public School Council, a former Scout Leader, and he also volunteered as a former coach for children's softball; and

Whereas, Bob Klein was an active member of the Kleinburg Old Boys Club; and

Whereas, Bob Klein passed away peacefully on January 24, 2025, surrounded by his family; and

Whereas, Bob Klein has also been involved in many community initiatives including the negotiation of the tripartite Kleinburg New Forest South and North agreements among KARA, the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA), and the City of Vaughan, as well as the building of a bridge in the valley behind the McMichael Canadian Art Collection; and

Whereas, Bob Klein believed development in Kleinburg should complement the values and identify of the village. He was a warrior and because of his persistence, Kleinburg remains a jewel within Vaughan; and

Whereas, naming of the woodlot would offer a place for remembrance and reflection for his achievements and love of Kleinburg; and

Whereas, the woodlot in question belongs to TRCA.

It is therefore recommended:

1. That Council formally requests TRCA's permission to name the New Forest North near Treelawn Boulevard as the Bob Klein Woodlot;
2. That a plaque be installed at a suitable location at the woodlot paying tribute to Bob Klein and that a date be set for community participation of the unveiling of the plaque; and
3. 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.