

**DATE:** June 29, 2020

**TO:** Mayor and Members of Council

**FROM:** Nadia Paladino, Director of Parks, Forestry, and Horticulture Operations

**RE:** **COMMUNICATION – Council Meeting - June 29, 2020  
Woodlot Naming Proposal (Report 22, Item 10 Committee of the  
Whole (1))**

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## **Purpose**

To provide an update to the report regarding the Woodlot Naming Proposal (Item 10) as directed at the June 9, 2020 Committee of the Whole (1) Meeting and seek Council endorsement for the recommendations in this communication.

### **Report Highlights**

- Of the City's 25 woodlots, 19 are proposed for new names.
- The City's archival records were consulted in the naming process.
- Names have been proposed in accordance with the City's naming policy.
- Proposed signage will be installed to identify each woodlot, using design standards consistent with City Parks Entry 911 signage.

## **Recommendations**

1. THAT, the Woodlot Names, as presented in this communication, be approved.
2. THAT, the installation of woodlot signage be considered in the 2021 capital budget.

## **Background**

**Council directed staff to amend the proposed woodlot names to further reflect their historic significance and naming continuity.**

At the Council meeting of June 9, 2020, staff were directed to amend the proposed names of the municipally-owned woodlots, and report back to Council with a plan for naming said woodlots with a focus on historical significance.

The scope of naming the unidentified woodlots was expanded to include previously named woodlots to provide consistency with the naming approach, categorizing all identified lands as woodlots. The names of the woodlots will be incorporated into future maps published by the City.

**Staff were requested to review status of signage of existing woodlots for consistency.**

Signage establishes recognition of the woodlots to the community. There are two designs considered for the signage -- the Park Entry 911 sign and the smaller aluminum sign referenced in Item 19, Report No. 21 of the Committee of the Whole on May 29, 2012, Revised Policy for Naming of Stormwater Management Ponds and Associated Signage.

**The status of the Thornhill Green wooded area was reviewed and determined to be classified a Bioforest.**

The lands associated with the Thornhill Green Park have been conveyed to the City through the Thornhill City Centre (19T-04V08), subdivision agreement 65M-3872. Approximately 0.4 ha of lands have been conveyed to the City for preservation of the existing treed areas. Over the last several years the existing treed area has been enhanced and improved through Section 37 funding contributions to improve drainage and provide public access.

## **Previous Reports/Authority**

[Extract from Council Meeting Minutes of May 29, 2012 - Item 19, Report No.21 of the Committee of the Whole](#) "Naming of Storm Water Management Ponds and Associated Signage".

[Extract from Council Meeting Minutes of September 9, 2014 - Item 48, Report No. 36 of the Committee of the Whole](#), "Creating Places: Naming of Municipally-owned Woodlots".

[Policy Manual, Policy No. TPF – 006, "Policy For Naming City Parks, Open Spaces, Community Facilities and Other Municipal Buildings or Properties"](#).

[Council Meeting of June 9, 2020 - Item 10, of the Committee of the Whole \(1\)](#), "Woodlot Naming Proposal."

## **Analysis and Options**

**Historical significance was the primary criteria considered when selecting the names for the woodlots.**

There are situations where the primary criteria for naming could not be met – for instance, woodlots that are in close proximity to each other or have a shared historical significance. In these situations, secondary criteria for naming included consideration for adjacent streets, functional use, and community names.

### **Names are proposed for 19 of the 25 City-owned woodlots.**

Proposed names are provided in Table 1, which include two existing woodlots and 17 unnamed woodlots.

There are two previously named woodlots that are proposed to be renamed. Airdrie Woods is proposed to be renamed Airdrie Woodlot to provide consistency for the “woodlot” designation. Secondly, Promenade Woodlot is proposed to be renamed Pierre Elliot Trudeau Woodlot being located adjacent to the Pierre Elliot Trudeau Park.

The naming of the 17 unnamed woodlots was based on the following:

- Ten instances describe historical significance,
- Six instances describe adjacent streets,
- One instance describes a community feature.

**Table 1: Proposed Names for City of Vaughan Registered Woodlots**

Ward	Block	Woodlot Name	Type of Change	Basis for Name	Naming Consideration	Location
3	37	Airdrie Woodlot	Modification	Adjacent Street	The original name of Airdrie Woods will be changed to Woodlot providing consistency.	Woodbridge Corner of Langstaff Rd. & Pine Valley Dr.
3	39	Johnston Woodlot	New	Historic Significance	Name associated with the area in 1860 is D. Johnston	Woodbridge East of Pine Valley Dr. and West of Via Campanile, North of Grandvista Cres.
3	39	McCarter Woodlot	New	Historic Significance	Name associated with the area in 1860 is H. McCarter & Johnston	Woodbridge East of Pine Valley Dr. and West of Via Campanile, South of Davos Rd.
3	39	McDonald Woodlot	New	Historic Significance	Name associated with the area in 1860 is H. McCarter & G. McDonald. The woodlot is located adjacent to Pierre Berton Public School.	Woodbridge South of Major Mackenzie Dr. - Corner of Via Campanile & Maria Antonia Ave.
3	39	McNaughton Woodlot	New	Historic Significance	Name associated with the area in 1860 is P. McNaughton	Woodbridge South of Major Mackenzie Dr. East of Pine Valley Dr. and North of Via Teodoro Way

3	39	Beauvista Woodlot	New	Adjacent Street	Name associated with the area in 1860 is H. McCarter & G. McCarter is already in use for McCarter Woodlot. Beauvista Crt. is a unique street adjacent to the woodlot.	Woodbridge North of Rutherford Rd. East of Pine Valley Dr. and West of Via Campanile, West of Beauvista Crt.
3	40	Constable Woodlot	New	Historic Significance	Name associated with the area in 1860 is William Constable	Woodbridge North of Major Mackenzie Dr. at the end of Millwood Crt.
3	40	Poetry Woodlot	New	Adjacent Street	Name associated with the area in 1860 is Gilbert Matheson.	Woodbridge North of Major Mackenzie Dr. at the corner of Headwind Blvd. and Poetry Drive
4	10	Peter Cobert Woodlot	New	Historic Significance	Name associated with the area in 1860 is Peter Cobert	Thornhill North of Hwy #7 North of Summeridge Dr. and South of Coltrane Dr.
4	10	Hugh Bennett Woodlot	New	Historic Significance	Name associated with the area in 1860 is Hugh Bennett	Thornhill West Side of Thornhill Woods Dr. South of Apple Blossom Dr.
4	10	Autumn Hill Woodlot	New	Adjacent Street	Name associated with the area in 1860 is Jonathan Baker. The Baker name is already been referenced with the Sugar Baker Bush Woodlot.	Thornhill East Side Thornhill Woods Dr., North of Autumn Hill Blvd.
4	10	McDougall Woodlot	New	Historic Significance	Name associated with the area in 1860 is W.M. McDougall	Thornhill North of Hwy #7 West Side of Bathurst Glen Dr. (attached to a park and school)
4	10	Firtree Woodlot	New	Adjacent Street	Name associated with the area in 1860 is Jonathan Baker. The Baker name is already been referenced with the Sugar Baker Bush Woodlot	Thornhill North East corner of Langstaff Rd. and Dufferin Str. West of Firtree Trail.
4	11	Carrville Woodlot	New	Community Name	Name associated with the area in 1860 is Thomas Cook. The name Cook is already been referenced with the Cook Woodlot. Carrville is a historical geographic reference and an adjacent street.	Maple North of Rutherford Road East Side of Dufferin Str. connected to open space & a park

4	12	Redelmeier Woodlot	New	Historic Significance	Name associated with the area in 1860 is Robert Metcalf. The name Redelmeier has been proposed to recognize the historic relevance of that family.	Maple East of Dufferin Str. North of Major Mackenzie Dr. South Side of Lady Valentina Ave. connected to Open Space (beside Maple Nature Reserve Trail)
4	12	Heintzman Woodlot	New	Adjacent Street	Name associated with the area in 1860 is H. Bowes. The name Heintzman has been proposed to recognize the historic relevance of that family.	Maple East. of Dufferin Str. North of Major Mackenzie Dr. South Side of Heintzman Cres. connected to Open Space & a park
4	18	Cook Woodlot	New	Historic Significance	Name associated with the area in 1860 is Thomas Cook	Maple North of Rutherford Rd., between Keele Str. and Dufferin Str. West Side of Peter Rupert Ave. and Halo Crt.
4	18	Peter Rupert Woodlot	New	Adjacent Street	Name associated with the area in 1860 is Thomas Cook. Cook is already in use for Cook Woodlot. Peter Rupert is a unique street adjacent to the woodlot.	Maple North of Rutherford Rd. between Keele Str. and Dufferin Str. East Side of Peter Rupert Ave. and West of Lady Bianca Crt.
5	8	Pierre Elliot Trudeau Woodlot	Modification	Functional Use	Name is associated with the adjacent Pierre Elliot Trudeau Park.	Thornhill West of Bathurst St. North Side of Clark Ave. at Promenade Cir.

**Signage proposed for identifying City-owned woodlots will be consistent with those used for Park Entry 911 signs.**

Signs will be placed at the main access point of each woodlot, in a publicly visible location. For woodlots without public access frontage onto a key road or intersection will be considered the preferred location. Further review has identified that seven of the previously named woodlots do not presently have signs consistent with the Park Entry 911 sign design. Signage will be extended to all previously named woodlots that have no signs to provide uniformity.

## **Financial Impact**

The total capital cost for the proposed signage using the Parks Entry 911 sign design is estimated at \$132,000 + HST. The cost estimate represents an increase of \$ 38,500 + HST from the original report to accommodate the proposed additional signage of the

previously named woodlots. Alternatively, the costs for the smaller aluminum signs are estimated at \$13,200 + HST.

The estimated capital costs will be included in the 2021 Parks, Forestry and Horticulture budget request.

## **Conclusion**

In response to Council's direction, it is recommended that the proposed names for 19 woodlots, throughout Wards 3, 4 and 5, be adopted.

Installation of signage is conditional on the approval of the 2021 Parks, Forestry and Horticulture Operations capital budget request, in consideration of affordability and prioritization.

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