



Hamilton

**FACILITY NAMING SUB-COMMITTEE  
REPORT 18-003**

**Wednesday, August 15, 2018**

**4:00 p.m.**

**Room 192, Hamilton City Hall  
71 Main Street West**

**Loren Kolar  
Legislative Coordinator**

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**Present:** Councillor M. Pearson (Chair),  
Councillors J. Farr, S. Merulla, L. Ferguson and J. Partridge

**Absent with  
Regrets:** Councillor T. Whitehead – Personal

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**THE FACILITY NAMING SUB-COMMITTEE PRESENTS REPORT 18-003, AND  
RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS:**

**1. Renaming of A.M. Cunningham Parkette to Crown Point East Parkette  
(PW18068) (Ward 4) (Item 8.1)**

That the request to rename A.M. Cunningham Parkette, 300 Roxborough Avenue, to Crown Point East Parkette, attached hereto as Appendix “A”, be approved, as this request meets the guidelines set out in the City of Hamilton Municipal Property and Building Naming Policy.

**2. Naming of The Ray Lewis Track & Field Centre at Mohawk Sports Park  
(PW18069/HSC18039) (Ward 6) (Item 8.2)**

That the request to name the track and field complex at Mohawk Sports Park The Ray Lewis Track & Field Centre, attached hereto as Appendix “B”, be approved, as this request meets the guidelines set out in the City of Hamilton’s Municipal Property and Building Naming Policy.

**3. Renaming of Pier 8 Promenade Park to "Copps Pier" (PW18070) (Ward 2) (Item 8.3)**

That the request to rename Pier 8 Promenade Park, 47 Discovery Drive, to "Copps Pier", attached hereto as Appendix "C", be approved, as this request meets the guidelines set out in the City of Hamilton Municipal Property and Building Naming Policy.

**FOR INFORMATION:**

**(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)**

The Clerk advised the Committee of the following change to the agenda:

**1. ADDED NOTICE OF MOTION (Item 10)**

**10.1 Proposed Renaming of Skyway Park to Jimmy Howard Park**

The agenda for the August 15, 2018 meeting of the Facility Naming Sub-Committee, was approved, as amended.

**(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)**

There were no declarations of interest.

**(c) APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (Item 3)**

**(i) May 15, 2018 (Item 3.1)**

The Minutes of the May 15, 2018 Facility Naming Sub-Committee were approved as presented.

**(d) DISCUSSION ITEM (Item 8)**

**(i) Municipal Property & Building Naming Application - Red-D-Arc Bridge (Item 8.4)**

The Municipal Property & Building Naming Application - Red-D-Arc Bridge, was received.

**(e) MOTION (Item 9)**

**(i) Proposed Renaming of Skyway Park to Jimmy Howard Park (Added Item 9.1)**

Staff were directed to investigate renaming Skyway Park, located at 80 Beach Blvd., Hamilton, to Jimmy Howard Park, with a report back to a future Facility Naming Sub-Committee meeting.

**(f) NOTICE OF MOTION (Item 10)**

**(i) Proposed Renaming of Skyway Park to Jimmy Howard Park (Added Item 10.1)**

Councillor Farr introduced a Notice of Motion respecting the Proposed Renaming of Skyway Park to Jimmy Howard Park.

The Rules of Order were waived to allow for the introduction of a motion respecting the Proposed Renaming of Skyway Park to Jimmy Howard Park.

For further disposition of this matter, refer to Item (e)(i)

**(g) GENERAL INFORMATION (Item 11)**

**(i) Amendments to the Outstanding Business List (Item 11.1)**

The following items were marked as completed and removed from the Outstanding Business List:

Item A - Copps Family Naming Opportunities (Revised from Victor K. Copps naming opportunities)

June 9, 2015

Addressed in Item 8.3 on this agenda

Item M - Municipal Property & Building Naming Application - Mohawk Sports Park Outdoor Track & Field Complex

May 3, 2018

Addressed in Item 8.2 on this agenda

Item N - A. M. Cunningham Parkette (Ward 4)

May 3, 2018

Addressed in Item 8.1 on this agenda

Item L - Naming of the "Margaret Koropatnicki Softball Complex" at  
Rosedale Park (Ward 5)  
Addressed in Item 8.1 of the May 3, 2018 meeting

**(h) ADJOURNMENT (Item 13)**

There being no further business, the Facility Naming Sub-Committee adjourned  
at 4:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor M. Pearson, Chair  
Facility Naming Sub-Committee

Loren Kolar  
Legislative Coordinator  
Office of the City Clerk



**CITY OF HAMILTON**  
**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**  
***Roads & Traffic and Environmental Services Divisions***

<b>TO:</b>	Chair and Members Facility Naming Sub-Committee
<b>COMMITTEE DATE:</b>	August 15, 2018
<b>SUBJECT/REPORT NO:</b>	Renaming of A.M. Cunningham Parkette to Crown Point East Parkette (PW18068) (Ward 4) (Outstanding Business List Item)
<b>WARD(S) AFFECTED:</b>	Ward 4
<b>PREPARED BY:</b>	Sarah Linfoot-Fusina (905) 546-2424 ext. 5516  Cynthia Graham (905) 546-2424 ext. 2337
<b>SUBMITTED BY:</b>	Betty Matthews-Malone, P.Eng. Director, Roads & Traffic Public Works  Craig Murdoch, B.Sc. Director, Environmental Services Public Works
<b>SIGNATURE:</b>	

**RECOMMENDATION**

- (a) That the request to rename A.M. Cunningham Parkette, 300 Roxborough Avenue, to Crown Point East Parkette be approved, as this request meets the guidelines set out in the City of Hamilton Municipal Property and Building Naming Policy;
- (b) That the Outstanding Business List Item A.M. Cunningham Parkette (Ward 4) be identified as completed and removed from the list.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This report responds to a motion made at the May 3, 2018 Facility Naming Sub-Committee meeting;

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That staff be directed to provide the Committee with the historical background and confirmation of the naming of A.M. Cunningham Park, and A.M. Cunningham Parkette, both located in Ward 4.

There are two parks in Hamilton's Ward 4 that have been named after Alexander McKenzie (A.M.) Cunningham, a well-known photographer and Hamilton Board of Education trustee. The park, located at 100 Wexford Avenue South, is adjacent to an elementary school that bears the same name. The parkette, located at 300 Roxborough Avenue, is situated along the Pipeline Trail between Huxley Avenue and Wexford Avenue.

The renaming request was initiated by the Ward 4 Councillor. The request meets the criteria set out in the City of Hamilton Municipal Property and Building Naming Policy.

***Alternatives for Consideration – See Page 4***

**FINANCIAL – STAFFING – LEGAL IMPLICATIONS (for recommendation(s) only)**

Financial: The cost to fabricate and install signage to identify Crown Point East Parkette. The costs range from \$200 to \$1,500 depending on the style and size. Signage will be finalized with the Ward 4 Councillor and undertaken as part of the redevelopment of the parkette.

Staffing: N/A

Legal: N/A

**HISTORICAL BACKGROUND (Chronology of events)**

Discussion at the May 3, 2018 Facility Naming Sub-Committee meeting and subsequent consultation with the Ward Councillor confirmed that the intent of the above motion was to seek a renaming opportunity for A.M. Cunningham Parkette to distinguish it from A.M. Cunningham Park (which is also located nearby). The Ward Councillor confirmed direction for staff to investigate Crown Point East Parkette as a suitable renaming option.

Alexander McKenzie Cunningham

Alexander McKenzie Cunningham, nicknamed A.M., was born in 1863 in Uxbridge, Ontario. He moved to Hamilton in 1886 to pursue a career as a photographer. In 1917, Cunningham became a trustee for the Hamilton Board of Education. After being elected trustee, he acted as a liaison to the Ontario Department of Education. He lobbied for standardized school buildings to reduce costs and advocated for teacher exchanges to facilitate professional development. He also devoted a considerable amount of his time to overseeing the completion of Delta Secondary School in 1924. Bringing his passion for education and photography together, Cunningham photographed every school, class and

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staff member in the board. His photos form part of a collection at the Board's Educational Archives and Heritage Centre.

Cunningham died suddenly in 1926. As a way of honouring him and his contribution to the community, the Board opened a new school in 1929 in Delta East and called it A.M. Cunningham Elementary School. Cunningham is buried at Hamilton Cemetery.

- A.M. Cunningham Park, 100 Wexford Avenue South

A.M. Cunningham Park is a park located in Ward 4. The park, adjacent to Hamilton Wentworth District School Board's A.M. Cunningham Elementary School, is situated on 0.30 hectares (0.07 acres) of land and includes an accessible creative play structure that is scheduled to undergo redevelopment this summer.

- A.M. Cunningham Parkette, 300 Roxborough Avenue

A.M. Cunningham Parkette is a small park located in Ward 4 in the Crown Point East neighbourhood. The park is situated along the Pipeline Trail at Roxborough Avenue, between Huxley Avenue and Wexford Avenue on 0.94 hectares (0.23 acres) of land. The parkette contains a playground that was installed in 2001 and a multi-use path that runs through the parkette. The parkette is scheduled to undergo redevelopment this fall.

- Crown Point East

Crown Point East is a neighbourhood in east Hamilton (Ward 4) that is bordered by Gage Avenue, Kenilworth Avenue, the Niagara Escarpment and Lake Ontario. Significant landmarks in this neighbourhood include: Delta Secondary School, the Ottawa Street shopping district, the Centre on Barton and ArcelorMittal Dofasco.

### **POLICY IMPLICATIONS AND LEGISLATED REQUIREMENTS**

This naming request meets the required guidelines as set out in Section 4(b)(ii) of the City of Hamilton Municipal Property and Building Naming Policy and as detailed in the Analysis and Rationale for Recommendation section of this report.

### **RELEVANT CONSULTATION**

The Ward 4 Councillor proposed and endorses the report recommendation.

### **ANALYSIS AND RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION**

At the January 20, 2016 meeting, Council approved Report PW05142b to the Facility Naming Sub-Committee regarding the City of Hamilton Municipal Property and Building

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Naming Policy. The policy serves to establish guidelines and regulations for naming property and buildings owned by the City of Hamilton.

The City of Hamilton Municipal Property and Building Naming Policy has the following property listing categories from which proposed names for municipal properties and buildings may be selected: geographic, historic, and prominent individuals/ organizations (listed in priority order).

Section 4(b)(i) of the policy details the ‘Geographic’ category. It includes, in part, eligibility for names having a geographic affiliation which may include, but is not limited to:

- A neighbourhood, community, or subdivision reference

The parkette resides in the Crown Point East neighbourhood. Therefore, the proposed naming meets the City of Hamilton Municipal Property and Building Naming Policy.

### **ALTERNATIVES FOR CONSIDERATION**

Council may decide not to approve the proposed renaming of A.M. Cunningham Parkette. Staff does not recommend this alternative as it does not address the intent of the motion and desire to distinguish the parkette from nearby A.M. Cunningham Park.

Council may also decide to consider another renaming opportunity that would distinguish A.M. Cunningham Parkette from A.M. Cunningham Park. Staff would not recommend this alternative as it does not address the intent of the motion to rename the parkette Crown Point East Parkette in recognition of the location of the parkette in the Crown Point neighbourhood.

### **ALIGNMENT TO THE 2016 – 2025 STRATEGIC PLAN**

#### **Built Environment and Infrastructure**

Hamilton is supported by state of the art infrastructure, transportation options, buildings and public spaces that create a dynamic City.

### **APPENDICES AND SCHEDULES ATTACHED**

Appendix A: Map of Proposed Crown Point East Parkette

**Map of A.M. Cunningham Parkette  
Proposed Naming Crown Point East Parkette**

300 Roxborough Avenue, Hamilton (Ward 4)



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**CITY OF HAMILTON**  
**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**  
*Roads & Traffic Division*  
and  
**HEALTHY AND SAFE COMMUNITIES DEPARTMENT**  
*Recreation Division*

<b>TO:</b>	Chair and Members Facility Naming Sub-Committee
<b>COMMITTEE DATE:</b>	August 15, 2018
<b>SUBJECT/REPORT NO:</b>	Naming of The Ray Lewis Track & Field Centre at Mohawk Sports Park (PW18069/HSC18039) (Ward 6) (Outstanding Business List Item)
<b>WARD(S) AFFECTED:</b>	Ward 6
<b>PREPARED BY:</b>	Sarah Linfoot-Fusina (905) 546-2424, Extension 5516  Steve Sevor (905) 546-2424, Extension 4645
<b>SUBMITTED BY:</b>	Betty Matthews-Malone, P.Eng. Director, Roads & Traffic Public Works Department
<b>SIGNATURE:</b>	
<b>SIGNATURE:</b>	Chris Herstek Director, Recreation Healthy and Safe Communities Department

**RECOMMENDATION**

- (a) That the request to name the track and field complex at Mohawk Sports Park The Ray Lewis Track & Field Centre be approved, as this request meets the guidelines set out in the City of Hamilton's Municipal Property and Building Naming Policy;
- (b) That the Outstanding Business List Item Municipal Property & Building Naming Application - Mohawk Sports Park Outdoor Track & Field Complex be identified as completed and removed from the list.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

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This report responds to a motion made at the May 3, 2018 Facility Naming Sub-Committee meeting:

That staff work with the Hamilton Olympic Club to consider their request to rename the track area of the Mohawk Sports Park Outdoor Track & Field Complex as outlined in the application, with a report back to the Facility Naming Sub-Committee.

Born and raised in Hamilton, Ray Lewis was a Canadian track and field athlete who made history in 1932 when he became the first Canadian-born black athlete to win a medal at the Olympics. Lewis faced significant racial prejudice throughout his years as an athlete, but did not let his colour define his success. In later life, Lewis was recognized for his contribution to his community and to the sport of track and field. He was awarded the Order of Canada in 2001. In 2005, the Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board named an elementary school on the Hamilton mountain after Lewis and in 2010 he was inducted into the Hamilton Sports Hall of Fame. In 2013, the first “Ray Lewis Relays” for high school students were held in Ontario. Lewis died in 2003 in Hamilton at the age of 93.

***Alternatives for Consideration – See Page 5***

**FINANCIAL – STAFFING – LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

Financial: Final selection of the sign will be done in consultation with the requestors (Hamilton Olympic Club) and Ward 6 Councillor. The Hamilton Olympic Club will be funding the full costs to fabricate and install signage to the track.

Staffing: N/A

Legal: N/A

**HISTORICAL BACKGROUND**

❖ Mohawk Sports Park, 1100 Mohawk Road East, Hamilton

Mohawk Sports Park, bordered by Mohawk Road East, Mountain Brow Boulevard, Limeridge Road East and Upper Kenilworth Avenue, is a large park that is situated on 57.32 hectares (141.63 acres) of land in Ward 6. The park boasts several facilities, including: baseball and fastball diamonds, soccer, rugby and football fields, a playground, a skateboard ramp and a running track. In 1970, Hamilton’s civic baseball stadium was relocated to this site (when Ivor Wynne Stadium was renovated to accommodate football only) and named Bernie Arbour after a former police sergeant who was the director of Hamilton youth baseball. The east side of the park is a large natural area and a portion of the Escarpment Rail Trail runs through the park. Formerly part of the Upper King’s Forest Park sports area known as Commonwealth Park, this site became known as Mohawk Sports Park in 1971 when it was renamed to commemorate the old Mohawk Trail which had once been part of the property.

❖ Track and Field Complex, 100 Mohawk Road East, Hamilton

The track surface was recently renovated in 2017 through support from the Capital budget process, Ward 6 area rated funds and local contributions from the Golden Horseshoe Track & Field Council. The track at Mohawk Sports Park is the City's only municipal all-weather track and field venue. The track is an impermeable polyurethane sandwich system that is compliant to International Association of Athletics Federation's (IAAF) competition requirements. The track and field facility consists of a 400-meter track with two 100 meter straightaways, amenities for pole vault, an area for throwing events, and an area for jump events. The track and field complex at Mohawk Sports Park is home to a number of community track and field programs, including the Hamilton Olympic Club, Monte Cristo Track & Field Club, HEAT Athletics, Hamilton Special Olympics, Ontario Wheelchair Sports Association, Hamilton Accessible Sports Council, SportHamilton, Hamilton Wildcats, Stoney Creek Athletics and CANUSA Games Hamilton. Hamilton Olympic Club recently celebrated their 90 year anniversary and is the oldest track and field club in Canada; Ray Lewis was a member of the club.

❖ Ray Lewis

Ray Lewis, nicknamed "Rapid Ray" for his lightning fast speed, was a Canadian track and field athlete and the first Canadian-born black Olympic medallist. The great-grandson of escaped slaves, he was born in Hamilton in 1910 to Cornelius Lewis and Emma Green. Lewis showed great promise as a young athlete, excelling at 100, 200, 400 and 800 metre distances. While a student at Hamilton's Central Collegiate, Lewis won 17 national high school championships and set a record for winning four championships in one single day.

Lewis competed in the 400 metre trials for the 1928 Olympic Games but was ultimately not chosen. He decided to accept a scholarship to Milwaukee's Marquette University but returned home after a semester and began working at Canadian Pacific Railway (CPR) as a porter – a job that he would hold for 22 years. Not ready to give up on his dream of being a sprinter, Lewis continued training, running alongside the train tracks during stopovers in the Canadian Prairies. Despite significant racial prejudice, Lewis persevered. He joined Canada's Olympic team and competed at the 1932 Olympic Games in Los Angeles. Lewis made history when he won a bronze medal in the 4 x 400 metre relay.

In 1934, Lewis competed at the British Empire Games (now the Commonwealth Games), winning a silver medal in the mile relay, 4 x 440 yards. Narrowly missing the cut for Canada's 1936 Olympic team, he ran for two more years until he was forced to retire after a bout with shin splints.

Lewis married Vivienne Jones in 1941 and within a few years, they adopted two sons, Larry and Tony. He retired from CPR and started his own cleaning company in 1952. Lewis was honoured with the Order of Canada in 2001 for "being an inspiration to young people in the community, reminding them that dedication and commitment are values to be cherished." In 2005, the Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board named an elementary school after Lewis and he was inducted into the Hamilton Sports Hall of Fame in 2010. In 2013, the first Ray Lewis Relays for high school students were held in Ontario. Lewis died in 2003 in Hamilton at the age of 93.

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Lewis overcame unthinkable odds. He broke racial barriers by demonstrating to the world that colour would not define his success. As he got older, Lewis often spoke to school groups about racism and discrimination. He was hopeful for a better future. Lewis was a role model and mentor to many students and young athletes throughout his life. The City of Hamilton honours his achievements and contribution to the Hamilton Sport Community through the annual City of Hamilton Sport Volunteer Appreciation Dinner. The Ray Lewis Community Service Award is presented in the adult category to an outstanding Hamilton athlete who has excelled in sport at the national and/or international level and has made a significant contribution to the Hamilton Community.

### **POLICY IMPLICATIONS AND LEGISLATED REQUIREMENTS**

This naming request meets the required guidelines as set out in Section 4(b)(ii) of the City of Hamilton Municipal Property and Building Naming Policy.

### **RELEVANT CONSULTATION**

Ward 6 Councillor has been consulted and endorses the report recommendation.

Environmental Services has been consulted in the development of this report and report recommendations.

The niece of Ray Lewis supports the proposed naming by Hamilton Olympic Club.

Letters in support of the recommendation have been received from 91<sup>st</sup> Highlanders Athletic Association, Hamilton Accessible Sports Council, Hamilton Elite Athletic Team, Hamilton Olympic Club, Monte Cristo Track and Field Club, Special Olympics Hamilton, and Sport Hamilton who are among the users of the facility.

### **ANALYSIS AND RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION**

At the January 20, 2016 meeting, Council approved Report PW05142(b) to the Facility Naming Sub-Committee regarding the “City of Hamilton Municipal Property and Building Naming Policy.” The policy serves to establish guidelines and regulations for naming property and buildings owned by the City of Hamilton.

The City of Hamilton Municipal Property and Building Naming Policy has the following Property Listing categories from which proposed names for municipal properties and buildings may be selected: geographic, historic, and prominent individuals/ organizations (listed in priority order).

Section 4(b)(ii) of the policy details the ‘Prominent’ category. It includes, in part, eligibility for names affiliated with individuals who have made a significant contribution to the community/city in one or more of the following areas:

- Service in a voluntary or philanthropic capacity or having made a significant contribution in the following areas: environment, agriculture, arts, co-operatives, education, business or industry, journalism, medicine, politics, religion, science, public service, recreation or sports on a local, national, or international scale.

There has not been any other request for naming of the track that Recreation is aware of. With the overwhelming support from all the track and field entities, along with the inclusion of the Ray Lewis award as noted within, there appears to be no negative issues with the proposed name.

As Ray Lewis made a significant contribution to his community and to sports on the local and international level, the proposed naming meets the City of Hamilton Municipal Property and Building Naming Policy.

### **ALTERNATIVES FOR CONSIDERATION**

Council may decide not to approve the proposed naming of the track at Mohawk Sports Park. Staff does not recommend this alternative as it does not address the intent of the motion and desire to recognize Ray Lewis' contribution to the community and to the sport of track and field.

Council may also decide to consider another naming opportunity that would recognize Ray Lewis' contribution to the community and to the sport of track and field. Staff would not recommend this alternative as it does not address the intent of the motion.

### **ALIGNMENT TO THE 2016 – 2025 STRATEGIC PLAN**

#### **Community Engagement & Participation**

Hamilton has an open, transparent and accessible approach to City government that engages with and empowers all citizens to be involved in their community.

### **APPENDICES AND SCHEDULES ATTACHED**

Appendix A: Map of Proposed The Ray Lewis Track & Field Centre at Mohawk Sports Park

**Map of Proposed “The Ray Lewis Track & Field Centre” at Mohawk Sports Park**

1100 Mohawk Road East, Hamilton (Ward 6)





**CITY OF HAMILTON**  
**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**  
***Roads & Traffic Division***  
***and***  
***Engineering Services Division***

<b>TO:</b>	Chair and Members Facility Naming Sub-Committee
<b>COMMITTEE DATE:</b>	August 15, 2018
<b>SUBJECT/REPORT NO:</b>	Renaming of Pier 8 Promenade Park to "Copps Pier" (PW18070) (Ward 2) (Outstanding Business List Item)
<b>WARD(S) AFFECTED:</b>	Ward 2
<b>PREPARED BY:</b>	Sarah Linfoot-Fusina (905) 546-2424, Extension 5516  Gavin Norman (905)546-2424, Extension 4812
<b>SUBMITTED BY:</b>	Betty Matthews-Malone, P.Eng. Director, Roads & Traffic Public Works Department
<b>SIGNATURE:</b>	
<b>SIGNATURE:</b>	Gord McGuire, O.L.S Director, Engineering Services Public Works Department

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the request to rename Pier 8 Promenade Park, 47 Discovery Drive, to "Copps Pier" be approved, as this request meets the guidelines set out in the City of Hamilton Municipal Property and Building Naming Policy.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This report responds to a motion made at the June 9, 2015 Facility Naming Sub-Committee Meeting:

- (a) That staff be directed to prepare a report to the Facility Naming Sub-Committee respecting the renaming of the park land and building on 47 Discovery Drive,

Hamilton, known as Pier 8 (Waterfront Trust Centre) in the name of the Copps Family;

- (b) That a Member of the Facility Naming Sub-committee and staff meet with the Copps family for their input on the renaming of the park land on 47 Discovery Drive.

An additional motion was passed at the January 25, 2017 Hamilton City Council meeting, approving the renaming of the Pipeline Trail Parkette to the "Geraldine Copps Parkette."

At the February 2, 2017 Facility Naming Sub-Committee meeting, the committee discussed the renaming of "Geraldine Copps Parkette" and its relationship to Outstanding Business List Item A: Copps Facility Naming Opportunities. Staff were directed to continue to work with the Chair of the Facility Naming Sub-Committee and members of the Copps family for an additional suitable Copps family naming opportunity as per the original motion.

Staff consulted the Chair and members of the Copps family and determined that the renaming of Pier 8 Promenade Park to "Copps Pier" reflected the intent of the motions and was a fitting way to honour the Copps family and their commitment to the waterfront. Former Hamilton mayor, Victor Kennedy Copps, former Ward 4 Councillor Geraldine Copps and the Honourable Sheila Copps, all worked to improve water quality and enable public access to the waterfront.

The request meets the criteria set out in the City of Hamilton Municipal Property and Building Naming Policy.

***Alternatives for Consideration – See Page 5***

**FINANCIAL – STAFFING – LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

Financial: The cost to fabricate and install signage to identify and commemorate "Copps Pier." The selection of signage will be finalized with the Copps Family and Waterfront Development Office. Funding for the signage is being provided through the Capital Project Budget for the park.

Staffing: N/A

Legal: N/A

**HISTORICAL BACKGROUND**

- Pier 8, 47 Discovery Drive, Hamilton

Pier 8 is located in Ward 2, north-east of Bayfront and Pier 4 Parks. It is situated on 12 hectares (30 acres) of land. Once fully developed, Pier 8 will be a vibrant urban waterfront community. It will include approximately 1,500 residential units and 13,000 square metres of commercial and institutional space.

- The Waterfront Redevelopment Project

In 2005, Council adopted *Setting Sail: Secondary Plan for West Harbour*. The plan established a framework for public improvements and private development to promote

season-long and year-round enjoyment and appreciation of the waterfront. It was developed in response to the gradual disappearance of heavy industry and movement of commercial port authority activity at the waterfront, in addition to the creation of Bayfront Park, Pier 4 Park and the Waterfront Trail.

A requirement of the Secondary Plan and adopted by Council in April 2010, The West Harbour Waterfront Recreation Master Plan (2010) was initiated following Council's adoption of *Setting Sail*. The aim of the West Harbour Waterfront Recreation Master Plan was to define and clarify planning design guidelines that would guide and shape the development of buildings and landscapes of the west harbour.

Also, as a requirement of *Setting Sail*, Council adopted the Pier 7 & 8 Urban Design Study in May 2016. It stated:

"Pier 8 will become a vibrant urban waterfront neighbourhood to be enjoyed by all residents of the City. The vitality of Hamilton's urban waterfront will be supported by a mix of residential, commercial, community and cultural uses. The character of Pier 8 will be designed to be compatible with Pier 7 and to create a strong connection between this exciting new community and the rest of the Western Waterfront."

In April 2017, the City of Hamilton launched a design competition for 'Pier 8 Promenade Park.' Request for Proposals were accepted from shortlisted design competition participants from May until August. Design proposals were then evaluated by a volunteer jury of local experts in landscape architecture and urban design. The proposals were also reviewed by members of the public. On September 22, 2017, landscape architect, Forrec Ltd. was announced as the design winner for their proposal called: "Hammer City."

Construction on the park is expected to begin in the fall of 2018 with completion scheduled for the spring/summer of 2019.

➤ The Copps family and their connection to Hamilton's waterfront

Victor Kennedy Copps was born in 1919 and moved to Hamilton in 1945 to take a job with CHML radio. He ran for political office in 1960 and became the City's Controller. He was elected mayor in 1962 and remained Hamilton's mayor until 1976.

Victor Copps was mayor at a pivotal time in Hamilton's history. City planners had long recommended the need for Hamilton to diversify its economy and make physical improvements to the City that would signify that Hamilton was more than just a "steel town." Copps supported the redevelopment of Hamilton's downtown to include recreational and cultural activities and facilities for the City's increasingly white-collar workforce.<sup>1</sup>

The waterfront was particularly controversial during his years as Mayor. Dumping was a significant issue at the waterfront, causing many residents to lobby local politicians, calling for an end to polluting the waterfront. Copps worked to reach an agreement with the

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<sup>1</sup> S. High, L. MacKinnon and A. Perchand, *The Deindustrialized World: Confronting Ruination in Postindustrial Places* (Vancouver: UBC Press, 2017), 199.

Harbour Commission and in 1971 supported an agreement between the Harbour Commission and Hamilton's two major steel producers, Stelco and Dofasco, in securing 127 hectares of land along the Beach Strip, 71 hectares of those to be set aside for a public park.<sup>2</sup>

Geraldine ("Gerry") Copps was wife to the late Victor Copps and mother to Mary, Sheila, Brenda and Kevin. Copps served as a citizen court judge from 1976 to 1985 and as Ward 4 Councillor for Hamilton City Council from 1985 to 2000. She was known for being committed to environmental and social issues. Copps was particularly interested in the safety of Hamilton's water and called on the Federal Government to fund the clean-up of Hamilton Harbour.<sup>3</sup>

Following in the footsteps of her parents, Sheila Maureen Copps, daughter of Victor and Geraldine Copps, chose a career in politics. In 1984, she was elected Liberal MP for the Province of Ontario and remained in office for the next 20 years. Copps also served as Deputy Prime Minister of Canada from 1993-1997. As Minister of Canadian Heritage, Copps struck an historic agreement between the City of Hamilton and the Harbour Commission in 2000 that would return ownership of the open land around the harbour to the City and be the first step towards making the waterfront accessible for public access and enjoyment. Copps believed that Hamilton harbour could be "Canada's Boston." She said, "we will be able to start building public access to all the parts of the harbour that have been closed off to everyone. [The agreement] opens up extraordinary potential for Hamilton Harbour to be both an economic dynamo and a recreational oasis."<sup>4</sup>

## **POLICY IMPLICATIONS AND LEGISLATED REQUIREMENTS**

This naming request meets the required guidelines as set out in Section 4(b)(ii) of the City of Hamilton Municipal Property and Building Naming Policy and as detailed in the *Analysis and Rationale for Recommendation* section of this report.

## **RELEVANT CONSULTATION**

The Ward 10 Councillor, Chair of the Facility Naming Sub-Committee, has been consulted and supports the report recommendation.

The Ward 2 Councillor, has been consulted and supports the report recommendation.

The Ward 4 Councillor, mover of the motion, has been consulted and is in support of the report recommendation.

A Copps family member has been consulted and supports the report recommendation.

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<sup>2</sup> N. Bouchier and K. Cruikshank, *The People and the Bay: A Social and Environmental History of Hamilton Harbour* (Vancouver: UBC Press, 2016), 184.

<sup>3</sup> Nolan, D. (2016, October 18). Matriarch of Copps political family dies. *The Hamilton Spectator*, A1.

<sup>4</sup> Kilpatrick, K. (2000, June 29). Hamilton waterfront gets cash injection in revitalization bid. *The Globe and Mail*. Retrieved from [www.theglobeandmail.com](http://www.theglobeandmail.com)

## **ANALYSIS AND RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION**

At the January 20, 2016 meeting, Council approved Report PW05142b to the Facility Naming Sub-Committee regarding the "City of Hamilton Municipal Property and Building Naming Policy." The policy serves to establish guidelines and regulations for naming property and buildings owned by the City of Hamilton.

The City of Hamilton Municipal Property and Building Naming Policy has the following Property Listing categories from which proposed names for municipal properties and buildings may be selected: geographic, historic, and prominent individuals/ organizations (listed in priority order).

Section 4(b)(iii) of the policy details the 'Prominent' category. It includes, in part, eligibility for names affiliated with individuals who have made a significant contribution to the community/city in one or more of the following areas:

- a) Individuals or families having an historical connection to a site
- b) Individuals or organizations having made a significant contribution to the community / City in one or more of the following areas;
  - Service as an elected official to the municipal, provincial or federal government for at least 2 terms

## **ALTERNATIVES FOR CONSIDERATION**

Council may decide not to approve the proposed naming. This geographical area along Hamilton Harbour could remain known as Pier 8 Promenade Park. Alternatively, another name could be considered by the Facility Naming Sub-Committee. Staff does not recommend these alternatives as it does not address the intent of the motion and desire to recognize the Copps family for their public service to Hamilton and their commitment to improve water quality and enable public access to the waterfront.

## **ALIGNMENT TO THE 2016 – 2025 STRATEGIC PLAN**

### **Built Environment and Infrastructure**

Hamilton is supported by state of the art infrastructure, transportation options, buildings and public spaces that create a dynamic City.

## **APPENDICES AND SCHEDULES ATTACHED**

Appendix A – Map of Proposed "Copps Pier"

**Map of Proposed "Copps Pier"**  
47 Discovery Drive, Hamilton (Ward 2)

