



Hamilton

**FACILITY NAMING SUB-COMMITTEE
REPORT 14-005**

Tuesday, September 9, 2014

1:00 p.m.

Room 264, Hamilton City Hall

Present: Councillor M. Pearson, Chair
Councillors S. Merulla, T. Jackson, L. Ferguson, T. Whitehead

**THE FACILITY NAMING SUB-COMMITTEE PRESENTS REPORT 14-005 AND
RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS:**

- 1. Naming of Rymal Heritage Soccer Fields at William Schwenger Park (PW14109) - (Ward 8) (Item 8.1) (Attached as Appendix A)**

That the request to name the soccer fields located at William Schwenger Park, the Rymal Heritage Soccer Fields be approved as this request meets the approval of the City of Hamilton Municipal Property and Building Naming Policy.

- 2. Naming of "Stoney Creek Rotary Community Parkette" (PW14110) - (Ward 9) (Item 8.2) (Attached as Appendix B)**

That the request to rename the western parcel of Town Square Parkette the "Stoney Creek Rotary Community Parkette" be approved as this request meets the approval of the City of Hamilton Municipal Property and Building Naming Policy.

- 3. Renaming of Churchill Park Lawn Bowling Clubhouse (Ward 1) (Item 8.4)**

That the Churchill Park Lawn Bowling Clubhouse, located at 145 Cline Ave N, Hamilton, be renamed the Churchill Park Clubhouse.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF COMMITTEE:

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)

There were no changes to the agenda.

The agenda of the September 9, 2014 Facility Naming Sub-Committee was approved, as presented.

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)

There were no declarations of interest.

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

(i) July 9, 2014

The Minutes from the July 9, 2014 meeting were approved, as presented.

(d) DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 8)

(i) Correspondence from Dr. Dina Savelli respecting naming in honour of Dr. Allan McLellan (Item 8.3)

The correspondence from Dr. Savelli respecting naming in honour of Dr. Allan McLellan was received.

Staff were directed to meet with Dr. Savelli to review naming opportunities in honour of Dr. Allan McLellan.

(e) GENERAL INFORMATION/OTHER BUSINESS (Item 11)

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

The following item was removed from the Outstanding Business List:

- (aa) Item G – Rotary Club and King St/Jones St Parkette (Refer to Item 8.2)

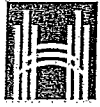
(f) **ADJOURNMENT (Item 12)**

There being no further business, the Facility Naming Sub-Committee adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor M. Pearson, Chair
Facility Naming Sub-Committee

Jasmine Branton
Legislative Coordinator
Office of the City Clerk



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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
Corporate Assets and Strategic Planning Division

Appendix "A"
to Facility Naming Sub-
Committee Report 14-005
(Item 1)

Table with 2 columns: Field Name and Content. Fields include TO, COMMITTEE DATE, SUBJECT/REPORT NO, WARD(S) AFFECTED, PREPARED BY, SUBMITTED BY, and SIGNATURE.

RECOMMENDATION

That the request to name the soccer fields located at William Schwenger Park, to Rymal Heritage Soccer Fields be approved as this request meets the approval of the City of Hamilton Municipal Property and Building Naming Policy.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report responds to a request by the Facility Naming Sub-Committee at its meeting of July 9, 2014 that staff investigate the possibility of naming the soccer fields at William Schwenger Park after the Rymal family as the land used for the soccer fields was donated by the Rymal family.

William Schwenger Park

Located at 86 Claudette Gate (refer to Appendix "A" to Report PW14109), William Schwenger Park is a community park of approximately 27 acres in size and is configured in two separate parcels joined by a pathway.

William Schwenger Park was named for Judge William Schwenger (1892-1962), who served on the bench of the Wentworth County Court, was elected to the Ontario Legislature where he acted as deputy speaker of the House, he was appointed Junior County Judge of Wentworth, and in 1949, Senior County Judge and was also Chairman of the Parks Board (1951-1956).

Rymal Family

The Rymal family is significant to Hamilton's history as they were one of the first settlers on the Hamilton Mountain. The family settled on the West Mountain, in what is currently the Upper Paradise area. The Rymal family helped forge the way for the early development of the area, which has been reflected in the naming of many of the area streets.

In addition to early settlement, the Rymal family saw several members rise to various levels of government, such as representation of the Upper Canada Legislative Assembly and a Federal Member of Parliament. The family also provided assistance to William Lyon MacKenzie, grandfather of future Canadian Prime Minister William Lyon Mackenzie King, in his struggle for responsible government across the future nation of Canada.

Alternatives for Consideration - See Page 4

FINANCIAL - STAFFING - LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Financial: There are no financial implications for this recommendation as the \$500 cost associated with the installation of the park name sign will be covered by the Ward Councillor.

Staffing: Parks staff will be required to install and maintain the signage as part of their regular park maintenance activities.

Legal: There are no legal implications.

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

William Schwenger Park

In 1990, the City began receiving inquiries about the undeveloped property, now known as William Schwenger Park. A neighbourhood park committee was subsequently formed in 1991. On January 29, 1991, Council approved \$20,000 for Phase 1 Master Planning, and the Mountainview Residents for the Recreation of Hamilton donated \$1,000 toward development of the park. Approval was granted for a play structure project on May 26, 1992. The final phase of the park's development was completed in 1993. In 2013 a splash pad and sun shelter were added to the North East area of the park.

William Schwenger

William Schwenger Park was named for Judge William Schwenger (1892-1962), who served on the bench of the Wentworth County Court. He began his law career in 1913 and was named King's Council in 1934. The same year, he was elected to the Ontario Legislature where he acted as deputy speaker of the House. Shortly after leaving politics in 1938, Mr. Schwenger was appointed Junior County Judge of Wentworth, and in 1949, Senior County Judge, a position he carried until his death in 1962. Mr. Schwenger was also chairman of the Parks Board (1951-1956), helping to acquire and develop Gage Park, as well as the Royal Botanical Gardens. His primary interest was the preservation and beautification of Hamilton's parks.

Rymal Family

William Rymal (1759-1852), his wife Barbara and his younger brother along with their family members obtained, through crown grants and purchases, 800 acres of land on either side of Upper Paradise Road from the escarpment to Rymal Road. Arriving as United Empire Loyalists of German descent from Pennsylvania, they were amongst the first settlers on Hamilton Mountain. Mr. William Rymal's homestead was built in 1789 on the north side of Mohawk Road to the west of what is now Westcliffe Mall. St. Peter's Cemetery to the east of the mall began as the Rymal family burial ground where they built the first church on the mountain (1811 - 1844). It was a two-storey, wooden, universal meeting house called the Union Church.

Mr. William Rymal's son, Jacob (1790-1858), married Christine Horning and became the Wentworth County representative in the Upper Canada Legislative Assembly. Mr. Jacob Rymal's large, wood-framed home once stood behind St. Thomas More High School on Upper Paradise Road. A reformer, Jacob Rymal was known to have sheltered a rebel associate, William Lyon Mackenzie, providing him with a fresh horse as he fled from military authorities during the Rebellion of 1837, part of the struggle for Responsible Government in Canada.

Jacob's son, Joseph (1821-1900), was the longest serving Liberal Member of Parliament for the federal riding of South Wentworth (1857-1882). He participated in the Canadian Confederation debates. Well-known for his integrity and lucid debating skills with a penchant for humour, he was called "Honest Joe". He married Lydia Terryberry and, although their farm on the site of William Rymal's original homestead was sold to the Sanatorium, their house still stands at # 700 Mohawk Road West.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS AND LEGISLATED REQUIREMENTS

This naming request can be considered as per the City of Hamilton Municipal Property and Building Naming Policy. The request meets the Policy Naming Criteria and Guidelines as set out in Section 4. (b) (iii) as detailed in the Analysis/Rationale for Recommendations section of this report.

RELEVANT CONSULTATION

Staff have held internal consultation with the Ward Councillor, Parks Operations staff, and Planning staff and all are in support of the report recommendation.

External consultation has been held with a member of the Rymal family who has provided background information on the Rymal family, and also the Schwenger family has been consulted and are in support of the report recommendation.

ANALYSIS AND RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

Council, at its meeting of December 14, 2005, approved the Strategic Planning and Budgets Report 05-014 which included Report 05-006 of the Facility Naming Sub-Committee Item 8.3 "City of Hamilton Municipal Property and Building Naming Policy".

This policy serves to establish guidelines and regulations for the naming of municipal property and buildings in the City of Hamilton.

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

The Prominent Individual/Organization category, Section 4. (b) (iii), states that, names affiliated with individuals or organization may include, but are not limited to individuals who, in a voluntary or philanthropic capacity, have made a significant contribution in the area of public service on a local, national, or international scale.

ALTERNATIVES FOR CONSIDERATION

Council may decide to deny the report recommendation and leave the soccer fields unnamed as part of William Schwenger Park; or Council may decide to rename another park amenity after the Rymal family; or Council may decide to rename William Schwenger Park after the Rymal family.

As the proposed naming conforms to the Municipal Property and Building Naming Policy and is supported by the Ward Councillor, the Rymal family and the Schwenger family, staff would not recommend any alternatives to the report recommendation.

ALIGNMENT TO THE 2012 - 2015 STRATEGIC PLAN

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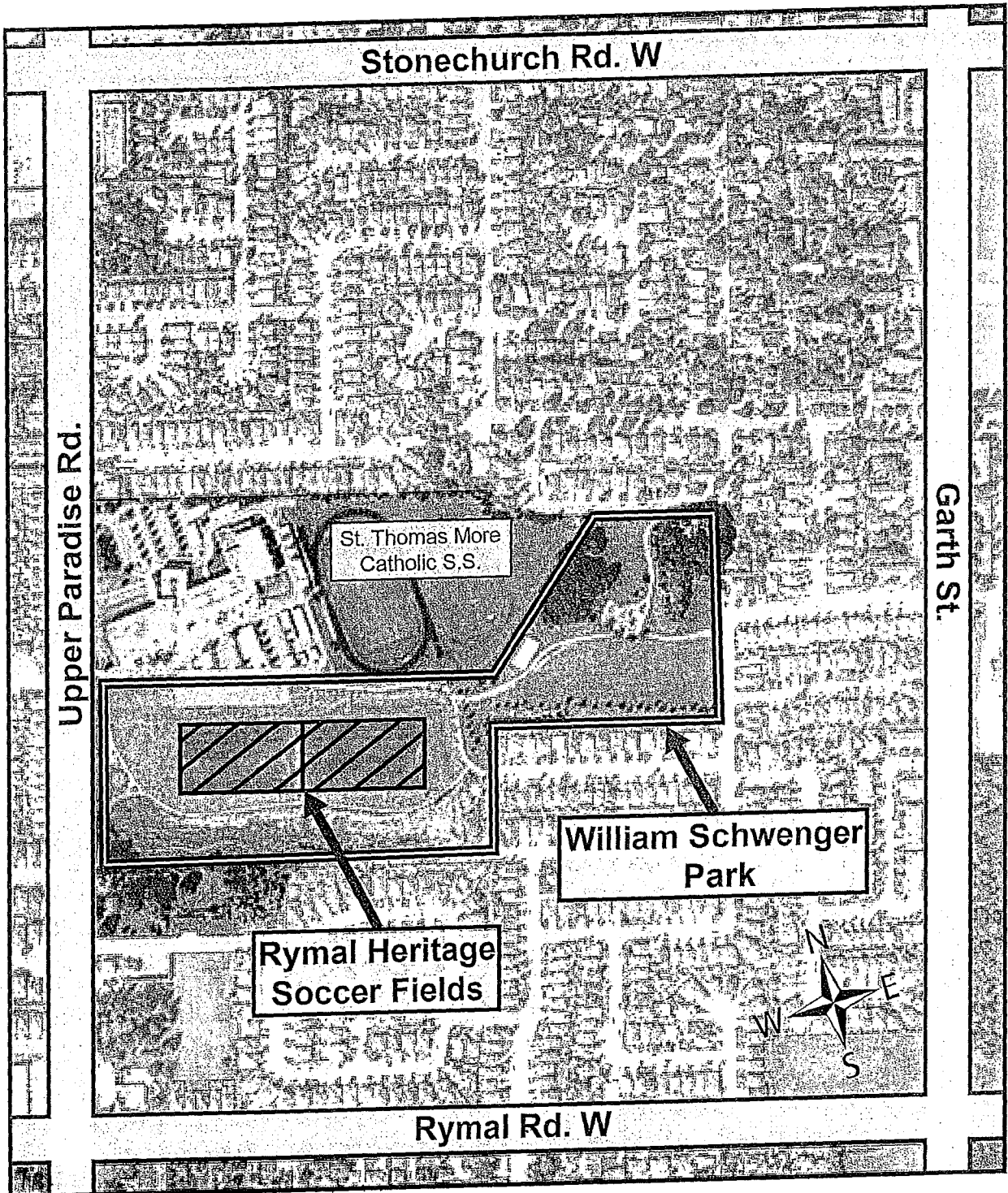
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APPENDICES AND SCHEDULES ATTACHED

Appendix "A" Aerial View of William Schwenger Park and Rymal Heritage Soccer Fields


Aerial View
William Schwenger Park - 86 Claudette Gate





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TO:	Chair and Members Facility Naming Sub-Committee
COMMITTEE DATE:	September 9, 2014
SUBJECT/REPORT NO:	Naming of "Stoney Creek Rotary Community Parkette" (PW14110) - (Ward 9)
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	Ward 9
PREPARED BY:	Lynda Mackay, Researcher/Copywriter (905) 546-2424 Extension 2996
SUBMITTED BY:	Gerry Davis, CMA General Manager Public Works Department
SIGNATURE:	

RECOMMENDATION

That the request to rename the western parcel of Town Square Parkette "Stoney Creek Rotary Community Parkette" be approved as this request meets the approval of the City of Hamilton Municipal Property and Building Naming Policy.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report responds to a request from the Facility Naming Sub-Committee meeting on May 26, 2014, that staff investigate the possibility of including the Rotary Club in the name of the western portion of Town Square Parkette, located at 79 King Street East, Stoney Creek. The Stoney Creek Rotary Club has given a \$15,000 donation toward the construction of the new clock tower at this location and over the years has made numerous contributions to the Community of Stoney Creek.

The Stoney Creek Rotary Club has chosen the name "Stoney Creek Rotary Community Parkette" to represent both the Rotary Club and the Community of Stoney Creek.

Town Square Parkette

Located at 79 King Street East in downtown Stoney Creek (refer to Appendix "A" to Report PW14110), Town Square Parkette is approximately 0.4 acres in size divided into two separate parcels at the intersection of Jones Street and King Street East.

The parcel on the east side of Jones Street is a passive area with seating, a fountain and the Augustus Jones public art piece.

The parcel on the west side of Jones Street, the subject of this report recommendation, was developed into a passive area in 2013 including a large grass circle with a clock

tower, a walkway with benches, plantings and lighting. The Rotary Club of Stoney Creek donated \$15,000 for the installation of the clock tower.

Stoney Creek Rotary Club

The Stoney Creek Rotary Club was formed on February 1, 1995, and has been meeting continuously every Friday for the past nineteen years. As a branch of the international "Rotary" organization, the Stoney Creek Rotary Club currently has seventeen members and has contributed both financially and with their time and support to numerous organizations throughout the Community of Stoney Creek.

Alternatives for Consideration - See Page 5

FINANCIAL - STAFFING - LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Financial: The total cost of the project was \$399,372.67 funded from the TARO Reserves. The Stoney Creek Rotary Club donated \$15,000 toward this project to build the clock tower with the Rotary International logo displayed on it.

Staffing: There are no staffing implications. Ongoing maintenance will be the responsibility of Parks Operations as part of their regular maintenance activities.

Legal: There are no legal implications.

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

Town Square Parkette

Located at 79 King Street East in downtown Stoney Creek, Town Square Parkette is approximately 0.4 acres in size and is divided into two separate parcels at the intersection of Jones Street and King Street East.

The parcel on the east side of Jones Street is approximately 0.18 acres in size and was developed in 2001 to include a passive area with seating and a fountain. In 2004 as part of a Public Art Competition, the winning piece was a statue of Augustus Jones, a former resident of Stoney Creek and Deputy Provincial Surveyor under Lieutenant Governor John Graves Simcoe, and has been placed on a pedestal in the fountain.

The slightly larger parcel on the west side of Jones Street is approximately 0.24 acres in size and has recently been developed into a passive area with a large grass circle, a clock tower, a walkway with benches, plantings and lighting. The Rotary Club of Stoney Creek donated \$15,000 for the installation of the clock tower.

Stoney Creek Rotary Club

Rotary is made up of three parts: Rotary Clubs, Rotary International, and The Rotary Foundation. Rotary Clubs bring together dedicated individuals to exchange ideas, build relationships, and take action.

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Rotary International supports Rotary Clubs worldwide by coordinating global programs, campaigns, and initiatives. The Rotary Foundation uses generous donations to fund projects by Rotarians and partners in communities around the world. As a non-profit, all of the Foundation's funding comes from voluntary contributions made by Rotarians and friends who share the Rotary's vision of a better world.

Together, Rotary Clubs, Rotary International, and The Rotary Foundation work to make lasting improvements in communities and around the world.

The Stoney Creek Rotary Club has been in existence for nineteen years and has made numerous financial contributions which include the following:

Hopkins Rotary Park playground equipment	\$ 30,000.00	
Rotary Clock – Town Square Parkette	\$ 15,000.00	
Stoney Creek Community Food Bank	\$ 10,000.00	
RYLA - Rotary Youth Leadership Award (local recipient)	\$ 7,500.00	
Habitat for Humanity (Hamilton Women in Law build)	\$ 5,000.00	
Team 2056 Orchard Park Secondary School Robotics	\$ 2,500.00	(annually)
Night of 1000 Dinners - Canadian Landmine Foundation	\$ 1,500.00	
58th Hamilton Wolf Cub Pack, Riverdale neighbourhood	\$ 1,000.00	(annually)
Stoney Creek Jr. Warriors Minor Bantam AA Hockey	\$ 1,000.00	(twice)
Rotary Early Act Program at Green Acres Public School	\$ 1,000.00	
Guide Dogs for the Blind	\$ 1,000.00	
Who is Nobody Project at R. L. Hyslop Public School	\$ 500.00	
Saltfleet Go-Ahead Soccer	\$ 500.00	(twice)
Telling Tales, Literacy Festival	\$ 500.00	
Friends of HMCS Haida	\$ 300.00	
Lymphoma and Leukemia Foundation - Hamilton	\$ 300.00	
DREAMS Program at Cardinal Newman High School	In-kind donations	
KidsFest (backpacks filled with school supplies)	In-kind donations	

The Stoney Creek Rotary Club has also supported numerous other organizations and projects:

- Rotaract Club at McMaster University
- Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada
- Children of Chernobyl medical program in Canada
- Ontario March of Dimes (assistive devices program)
- Polio plus, Rotary International Polio Eradication Program
- Philippines Disaster Relief
- Japan Disaster Relief

- Haiti Disaster Relief
- Samaritan Foundation
- Adries House of Hope
- Connecting Countries, Adopt-a-School
- Motorcycle Ride for Dad (prostate cancer research & education)
- Run for Haiti (rebuilding funds)
- Road 2 Hope Hospital Albert Schweitzer (medical care)
- Haiti Water for Life
- Fog Quest – potable water collection
- Adopt-a-Road Project along King Street, Stoney Creek
- Mitten and Toque collection

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RELEVANT CONSULTATION

The Ward Councillor has been consulted in the drafting of this report and is in support of the report recommendation. The Manager of Parks and Cemeteries has given approval for the report recommendation and Downtown Renewal, Planning and Economic Development has provided information on the design and timeline of the parkette.

The Stoney Creek Rotary Club has provided background documentation in support of the report recommendation.

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Currently, Town Square Parkette is divided into two separate parcels at the intersection of Jones Street and King Street East causing confusion as to which parcel is the actual

park. By assigning a new name to the portion on the west side, residents can be clear as to which parcel is Town Square Parkette, and which parcel is Stoney Creek Rotary Community Parkette. For additional clarity, each parcel can be assigned a separate address.

ALTERNATIVES FOR CONSIDERATION

Council may decide to deny the request to name the western portion of Town Square Parkette "Stoney Creek Rotary Community Parkette"; or Council may decide to name this portion of parkette "Stoney Creek Rotary Friendship Circle"; or Council may decide to name this portion of parkette by another name.

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Map of Stoney Creek Rotary Community Parkette
79 King Street East, Stoney Creek (Ward 9)

