

CITY OF HAMILTON

NOTICE OF MOTION

Council Date: February 8, 2017

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR T. JACKSON.....

Renaming of Lawfield Arena to the Bill Friday/Lawfield Arena

WHEREAS, Bill Friday is a retired Canadian Ice Hockey Referee who made a significant contribution officiating in the National Hockey League and the World Hockey Association;

WHEREAS, Bill Friday over his 19 year career refereed 1,425 major league games and is the only referee to work both the Stanley Cup finals in the National Hockey League and the Avco Cup Finals in the World Hockey Association and in 1976 was named the WHA's referee-in-chief. Bill was well respected by the players, coaches and officials and was known as one of the best at his craft sharing his knowledge and experience over his career;

WHEREAS Bill Friday was one of the first inductees into the Hamilton Sports Hall of Fame in its inaugural year 2010;

WHEREAS, Bill Friday is a local Hamiltonian who lived on the east mountain just around the corner from Lawfield Arena it is appropriate to name the arena the Bill Friday/Lawfield Arena;

WHEREAS Hamilton is hosting the nationally broadcast Rogers Hometown Hockey Tour celebrating hockey in Hamilton on April 8 & 9, 2017, with celebrations commencing on April 6, 2017, it is fitting that the naming happen as part of the celebrations; and,

WHEREAS the request for naming of the Arena meets the guidelines and regulations for the naming of municipal property and buildings in the City of Hamilton and the family has approved;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That staff be directed to bring report to the Facility Naming Sub-Committee respecting the Renaming Lawfield Arena to the Bill Friday/Lawfield Arena.