



Hamilton

FACILITY NAMING SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT 17-002

Thursday, March 9, 2017

4:00 p.m.

Room 264, 2nd Floor

Hamilton City Hall

71 Main Street West

**Loren Kolar
Legislative Coordinator**

Present: Councillor M. Pearson (Chair),
Councillors J. Farr, T. Whitehead, L. Ferguson and J. Partridge

Also Present: Councillors C. Collins and T. Jackson

**Absent with
Regrets:** Councillor S. Merulla – Personal

THE FACILITY NAMING SUB-COMMITTEE PRESENTS REPORT 17-002 AND RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS:

- 1. Naming the Lawfield Arena "Bill Friday Lawfield Arena" (PED1717053)
(Ward 7) (Item 8.1) (attached hereto as Appendix "A")**
 - (a) That the request to rename the Lawfield Arena to the Bill Friday Lawfield Arena be approved, as this request meets the guidelines set out in the City of Hamilton Municipal Property and Building Naming Policy.
 - (b) That any costs associated with the naming of the Bill Friday Lawfield Arena be funded from Lawfield Arena – Sign, Account 53070-792828.
 - (c) That the naming ceremony of the Bill Friday Lawfield Arena form part of the upcoming Rogers Hometown Hockey Tour local Hamilton program April 2017.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF COMMITTEE:

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)

The agenda for the March 9, 2017 meeting of the 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) February 2, 2017 (Item 3.1)

The Minutes of the February 2, 2017 Facility Naming Sub-Committee were approved as presented.

(d) NOTICE OF MOTION (Item 10)

(i) Margaret Koropatnicki Softball Complex at Rosedale Park (Added Item 10.1)

Staff were directed to investigate the feasibility of renaming Rosedale Park to the Margaret Koropatnicki Softball Complex at Rosedale Park, in honour of her service to the Rosedale community.

(e) ADJOURNMENT (Item 13)

There being no further business, the Facility Naming Sub-Committee adjourned at 4:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor M. Pearson, Chair
Facility Naming Sub-Committee

Loren Kolar
Legislative Coordinator
Office of the City Clerk



CITY OF HAMILTON
PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
Tourism and Culture Division

TO:	Chair and Members Facility Naming Sub-Committee
COMMITTEE DATE:	March 1, 2017
SUBJECT/REPORT NO:	Naming the Lawfield Arena "Bill Friday Lawfield Arena" (PED17053) (Ward 7)
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	Ward 7
PREPARED BY:	Coralee Secore (905) 973-2610
SUBMITTED BY:	Anna Bradford Director, Tourism and Culture Planning & Economic Development Department
SIGNATURE:	

RECOMMENDATION

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report responds to the following staff direction from the February 8, 2017 Council meeting:

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

Mr. Friday was a well-known Hamiltonian with over 19 years officiating hockey, 12 years in the National Hockey League (NHL) and 7 years in the World Hockey Association (WHA). He is also known as one of the best at his craft sharing his refereeing knowledge and experience over his career. Mr. Friday resided around the corner from Lawfield Arena.

The nationally televised Rogers Hometown Hockey Tour is coming to Hamilton's Waterfront Pier 8 on April 8 and 9, 2017 with local celebrations commencing April 6. As part of the planning for this initiative, members of the event's local organizing committee identified the renaming of the Lawfield Arena to the Bill Friday Lawfield Arena as a way to celebrate and recognize Hamilton's hockey history.

As part of the Rogers Hometown Hockey Tour local celebrations, the naming ceremony is being proposed as part of the program to be held on Thursday April 6, 2017.

To date the Facility Naming Sub-Committee has received approximately 10 letters of support from members of the community in support of a naming initiative after Mr. Bill Friday.

Alternatives for Consideration – Not Applicable

FINANCIAL – STAFFING – LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Financial: Costs associated with the naming of the Bill Friday Lawfield Arena will be funded from the Lawfield Arena – Sign, Account 53070-792828.

Staffing: N/A

Legal: N/A

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

Bill Friday grew up on the east mountain spending much of his sporting youth playing hockey and baseball.

Mr. Friday is the only referee to ever work the Stanley Cup finals in the NHL and the Avco Cup finals in the WHA. With over 19 years officiating, 12 years in the NHL and 7 years in the WHA, Mr. Friday became known as one of the best at his craft sharing his refereeing knowledge and experience over his career.

A former Junior B and minor hockey league player for Hamilton Aerovox, Mr. Friday worked as an on-ice official in the Ontario Hockey Association (OHA) from 1955 to 1959. He joined the NHL staff the following year and worked games there until 1972.

Mr. Friday is a founder and first president of the NHL Officials Association (NHLOA) and played an important part in its founding. The NHLOA was formed in 1969 out of a need to improve working conditions, salaries and other benefits for officials of the National Hockey League.

In 1973 Mr. Friday joined the newly formed WHA. It was here he officiated the very first WHA game and the very last game the league played in 1979. He was appointed the WHA referee-in-chief in 1976. In 2012 he was inducted into the WHA Hall of Fame. Mr. Friday is also a member of Hamilton Sports Hall of Fame's inaugural class.

Other notable accomplishments include officiating the NHL Stanley Cup Playoffs; NHL All-Star game; NHL All-Star Alumni Game; WHA finals every year from 1973 to 1979; WHA All-Star games and the 1976 Canada Cup.

The naming of an arena or ice surface for Mr. Bill Friday was spearheaded by the Friday family in late fall 2016.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS AND LEGISLATED REQUIREMENTS

The 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 set out in Section 4 (b) (iii), as detailed in the Analysis and Rationale for Recommendation section of Report PED17XXX.

RELEVANT CONSULTATION

Ward 6 Councillor – in support of the recommendation to rename Lawfield Arena

Ward 7 Councillor – in support of the recommendation to rename Lawfield Arena

District Recreation Operations, Recreation Division, Community and Emergency Services Department – in favour of the recommendation to rename Lawfield Arena

Facilities Management and Capital Programs, Corporate Assets and Strategic Planning Division, Public Works Department – in favour of the recommendation to rename Lawfield Arena

The Friday family are also fully supportive and appreciative of the report recommendations.

ANALYSIS AND RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

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Council, at its meeting of December 14, 2005, approved Report PW05142/CS05034 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 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 organizations may include, but are not limited to individuals who, in voluntary or philanthropic capacity, have made a significant contribution in the area of public service on a local, national, or international scale.

As Mr. Friday made a significant contribution in the capacity of public service on an international scale, the proposed naming meets the criteria under the City of Hamilton Municipal Property and Building Naming Policy.

ALTERNATIVES FOR CONSIDERATION

Not Applicable

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.

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" to Report PED17053 – Proposed signage for Bill Friday Lawfield Arena

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