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Thank you for the opportunity of addressing the "Brightside Park development. As a 72 year old product of Steeltown, I am often amazed at how often I reflect upon being born and raised in Brightside.

The old original Blue prints of Brightside show it in it's diamond shape, at the foot of the Bay's north east end. However to those of us who grew up there, found our character and voices there, found our grit and determination there, that diamond in the rough held up the City of Hamilton and put it upon our shoulders.

It was a neighbourhood of many firsts;

- it played a key role in the formation of organized labour in Canada
- from the streets of Brightside emerged many professional athletes
- from the doors of Brightside came the workforce that sustained the growth of The Steel Company of Canada, Dominion Foundries and Steel, National Steel Car, International Harvester, Canadian Liquid Air and many others.

From the families of Brightside came the children that populated the Professional ranks; Lawyers, Chartered Accountants, Doctors, Engineers and Educators, all of whom felt and kept a close association to the neighbourhood that propelled them to contribute greatly to the prosperity of Hamilton.

As a society, we are all custodians of History and Brightside, although fallen to the industrialization of the 50's and 60's, holds a history that is cherished in the memories of many generations of Hamiltonians. This history must not be lost to future generations. The City of Hamilton recognizes history through it's revitalization of the James Street North and Bay front developments.

It was with great delight that I learned of the possibility of naming a 10 acre park after the Brightside neighbourhood. It caused me to reflect on how many times over the decades I have driven down to what remains, showing my children where I had grown up, sharing with them the happiness closeness that came from being part of a truly

great community.

Thank you for your consideration. Please find attached three short essays about growing up in Brightside that were written over 50 years of missing home.

Joseph Bartolacci

