

CITY OF HAMILTON

MOTION

Facility Naming Sub-Committee: May 8, 2025

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR M. FRANCIS.....

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR.....

Winona Scout Hall, 1328 Barton Street, Stoney Creek/Hamilton (Ward 10)

WHEREAS, the Winona Scout Hall is a City-owned facility located at Winona Park at 1328 Barton Street;

WHEREAS, Winona Park and the Winona Scout Hall were purchased and constructed through donations and efforts of members of the Winona Community and subsequently donated to the Township of Saltfleet, predecessor municipality to the Town and City of Stoney Creek and City of Hamilton;

WHEREAS, the Winona Scout Hall has served as home to the 1st Winona Scouting Group since it's construction in the 1960's, and also supports the operation of various community events and organizations including the Winona Peach Festival;

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton's Facility Management Division undertook various accessibility upgrades, climate change mitigation enhancements, asbestos abatement, and general improvements in 2024 to support the Hall's continued use;

WHEREAS, John Koudys, a well-known local community volunteer and carpenter, is widely credited as a lead contributor to the construction of the Hall, and donated time and materials for construction of the hall;

WHEREAS, John, and the extended Koudys family have a long history of exceptional volunteerism in the Winona Community including Scouting, Local Service and Church Groups, the Winona Volunteer Fire Service, and the Winona Peach Festival among others;

WHEREAS, John Koudys is additionally credited as a lead contributor to the Winona Park Outdoor Skating Rink, which continues to be maintained today through volunteer efforts after approximately 70 years: and

WHEREAS, John Koudys passed away on May 16, 2022 after a lengthy battle with cancer, at the age of 87, and the Koudys family have been consulted and is overwhelmingly supportive.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That the Winona Scout Hall, 1328 Barton Street, Stoney Creek/Hamilton (Ward 10), be officially recognized as the 'John Koudys Winona Scout Hall'; and
- (b) That a sign be erected on the hall to reflect same; and that 1st Winona Scouts be permitted to erect a commemorative display with details John's contribution to the Winona Community inside the Hall; and
- (c) That the General Manager, Public Works or designate be authorized and directed to approve and execute any and all required agreements and ancillary documents, with such terms and conditions in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor, related to the naming of the Winona Scout Hall.