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REGULAR COUNCIL

TO: **Mayor & Council** DATE: **February 15, 2019**
FROM: **General Manager, Parks, Recreation & Culture** FILE: **6140 - 00**
SUBJECT: **Proposed Park Name – Henry Houston Scott Park**

RECOMMENDATION

The Parks, Recreation & Culture Department recommends that Council:

1. Receive this report for information; and
2. Approve the name “Henry Houston Scott Park” for the park lot currently labelled 77C Utility ROW (map attached as Appendix “I”).

INTENT

The intent of this report is to provide background information on park naming in Surrey, the proposed name, and to seek Council approval for the naming of one park site in Surrey.

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

The City Policy, “Naming of Parks and Facilities” (attached as Appendix “II”) includes the following criteria:

“Neighbourhood Parks should be given names recognizing:

- a) Special features or major plant life indigenous to parks;*
- (a) Surrey pioneers known in the area in which the park is located;*
- (b) Local street and subdivision names;”*

BACKGROUND

In 2018, members of the community from the Surrey Historical Society submitted a request to name the park site “77C Utility ROW” in Cloverdale after Henry Houston Scott and the Scott family. Henry Houston Scott was an African American born in 1854 in Texas. He married Amy Florence Alridge in 1880 and the couple had ten children and resided in various U.S. states before arriving in Canada. In 1912, the Scotts and 3 of their children (Roy, Jesse, Benola) moved to the Fraser Valley, settling in Cloverdale along today’s 64 Avenue and approximately 181A Street. The Scotts grew hay and farmed dairy cattle along what is now 64 Avenue.

When Benola Scott passed away in 1971, the Scott family line ended in Cloverdale. The Scott family contributed to and witnessed tremendous growth and development in Cloverdale between 1912-1971.

DISCUSSION

To recognize the important role the Scott family played in shaping the area in which they settled, it is recommended to name a portion of parkland in honour of their work and life in Surrey. The Scotts were one of the earliest African American families to settle in the Cloverdale area. Along with renaming the parkland, a heritage sign will be installed to share the Scott family's story and allow park users to learn more about the history of their community. The Surrey Heritage Advisory Commission is supportive of this initiative.

SUSTAINABILITY CONSIDERATIONS

The proposed name change supports the objectives of the City's Sustainability Charter 2.0. In particular this relates to Sustainability Charter 2.0 themes of by Built Environment & Neighbourhoods, specifically Desired Outcomes ("DO") and Strategic Directions ("SD"):

- Inclusion SD 18: Celebrate and build upon what makes us proud of our community.
- Inclusion SD 19: Support placemaking opportunities at the neighbourhood level and the creation of community gathering spaces.
- Neighbourhoods and Urban Design DO 1: Surrey is comprised of distinct, diverse and compact neighbourhoods and Town Centres, with an engaging public realm.
- Education and Culture DO 10: Surrey celebrates, protects and promotes its natural and built heritage sites.

CONCLUSION

Based on the above discussion, it is recommended that Council approve the name "Henry Houston Scott Park" for the park lot currently labelled 77C Utility ROW.

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Parks, Recreation & Culture

Appendix "I" – Park Location Map
Appendix "II" – Park and Facility Naming Policy

Park Location Map



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INTENT

To establish a clear Policy for naming parks as well as Parks, Recreation and Culture buildings, assets and amenities.

- A. Destination Parks**
- B. City parks and amenities** tend to be used by a great number of people and whenever possible should bear names which identify their general location or key site features. They could also be named after benefactors or sponsors who have made an extraordinary contribution to the community. (Examples: Bear Creek Park, Stewart Farm House, and Surrey Arts Centre)
- B. Community parks and amenities** tend to be used by the next greatest number of people and should, whenever possible, be given names which identify:
- (a) the community in which they are located (ie: Cloverdale Athletic park, Fleetwood Community Centre);
 - (b) Surrey pioneers known in the area in which the park is located (ie: Lionel Courchene Park);
 - (c) major donors or sponsors (XYZ Company Youth Park);
 - (d) names arising from a community-based selection process (ie: The Garage-South Surrey Youth Centre).
- C. Neighbourhood parks and amenities** tend to be used by fewer people than City and community parks, are more difficult to name for their location, and therefore should be given names recognizing:
- (a) special features or major plant life indigenous to parks (ie: Cottontail tot lot);
 - (b) Surrey pioneers known in the area in which the park is located (ie: Moffat Memorial Park);
 - (c) local street and subdivision names, excluding real estate and development companies (ie: Strawberry Hill Park);
 - (d) significant donors or sponsors, including real estate and development companies who make a significant donation in excess of normal development cost charges;
 - (e) former property owner who donated the land (ie: Bell Park).
 - (f) Natural area linkages and conservation areas may never be developed as parks and should be assigned numbers for reference purposes in accordance

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with the grid system used to identify planning/engineering map detail. Where community groups propose to name a greenbelt, these areas may also be treated as neighbourhood parks.

2. Whenever a park has come to be known traditionally but not officially by a name which is not so familiar to the name of an existing park to be confusing, then serious consideration should be given to formal adoption of the traditional name.
3. Consideration may be given to naming parks and amenities after outstanding community volunteers. Consideration may also be given to naming parks and amenities after retired City employees, if the employee has given outstanding service to the City and/or has made a noteworthy contribution to the well-being of the City.
4. Consideration should be given to naming donated park sites and facilities constructed on donated land after the donor.
5. Parks immediately adjacent to existing school sites should bear the same name as the school (neighbourhood and community parks).
6. The preferred methods for selecting a name are:
 - through popular choice either via a petition, school contest, or other form of community involvement;
 - as a result of donation and/or sponsorship.
7. Naming parks or amenities after sponsors can only be done in accordance with the city's Sponsorship Policy.

PRACTICES WHICH SHOULD BE AVOIDED

1. Naming a park or facility after a current politician.
2. Naming a park or facility after a nearby but not immediately adjacent school or institution that may lead to confusion regarding their respective locations.

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