



**The Corporation of the Town of LaSalle
Parks, Recreation and Events Committee Meeting
Agenda**

Tuesday, July 9, 2024, 4:30 p.m.

Council Chambers, LaSalle Civic Centre, 5950 Malden Road

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Recommendation

That the report of the Manager of Culture and Recreation dated April 5, 2024 (CR-2024-13) regarding 2024 Winter Session Report of Joint Programs and Events between Culture and Recreation and Public Works be received.

2. 2024 LaSalle Strawberry Festival Updates

Recommendation

That the report of the Supervisor of Recreation dated April 4, 2024 (CR-2024-12) regarding the updates for the 2024 LaSalle Strawberry Festival be received.

3. Updates to Facility Rentals – Outdoor Sport Surface Use Policy

Recommendation

That the report of the Supervisor of Recreation dated March 18, 2024 (CR-2024-04) regarding the updates to the Facility Rentals – Outdoor Sport Surface Use Policy (M-CR-002) be received, and that the updated policy be approved.

4. Updates to the Policy for Fee Waiving Related to the Use of Town Facilities

Recommendation

That the report of the Director of Culture and Recreation dated March 25, 2024 (CR-2024-08) regarding updates to the Policy for Fee Waiving Related to the Use of Town Facilities (Policy M-CR-007) be received and that the updated policy be approved.

5. CR-2024-09 Municipal Alcohol Risk Management Policy Updates

Recommendation

That the report of the Director of Culture and Recreation dated April 8, 2024 (CR-2024-09) regarding updates to the Municipal Alcohol Risk Management Policy (M-GEN-005) be received;

And that updates to the policy be approved.

6. Summer 2024 Activities Update

Recommendation

That the report of the Supervisor of Programming dated April 4, 2024 (CS-2024-11) regarding upcoming activities from April 2024 to October 2024 be received.

7. Sean Kenney's Animal Superpowers Exhibit Preliminary Evaluation Report

Recommendation

That the report of the Director of Culture and Recreation dated April 8, 2024 (CR-2024-06) regarding the preliminary evaluation of the Sean Kenney Animal Superpowers exhibit be received.

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To: Members of the Parks, Recreation and Events Committee

Prepared by: Jonathan Osborne, Director of Public Works
and Gudrin Beggs, Director of Planning and Development

Department: Public Works

Date of Report: June 21, 2024

Report Number: PW-24-2024

Subject: New Park Name at Laurier and Meo

Recommendation

That the report of the Director of Public Works and Director of Planning and Development dated June 21, 2024 (Report number PW-24-2024) regarding the naming of the newly constructed park on Meo Blvd south of Laurier Parkway be received;

And that Council support Administrations letter back to the Sorge family to deny the requested park name of "Gino Sorge Park";

And that Council assign a name to the Park based on the recommended options contained within the report.

Report

This report is in response to a request received from the Sorge Family to name the new park located at Laurier and Meo "Gino Sorge Park". The park is within the Laurier Horizons subdivision, which was formerly known as the Harmony Lakes subdivision, which was previously an agricultural property owned by the Sorge family.

This request was supported by the current owner/developer of the property.

The request stated that the dedication of the Laurier Parkway right-of-way fits into the criteria of the Parks Naming Policy, in that it was a significant contribution by an individual in terms of public life and well-being of the Town of LaSalle. The correspondence contains some background information and some reasons as to their position. We agree that the dedication of the right-of-way (ROW) and the construction of Laurier were essential in the ongoing development of the Howard Bouffard area. However, with the dedication of the ROW, the agreements contained items which the Town provided to the Owners in exchange for the ROW.

There were two different agreements that are associated with this section of Laurier Parkway, that occurred at different points in time, and for different reasons:

1. In 1995, there was an agreement between the owners and the Town in which the owners dedicated a 20m wide parcel (known as Gilroy Ave) to the Town, for the purpose of the installation of a 500mm feeder watermain. As a result, the owners obtained access to the trunk watermain, and would not be responsible for the per-foot frontage costs as part of a residential development.
2. In 2010, there was an agreement between the Owners and the Town in which the Gilroy ROW was widened by 13m, and realigned at Huron Church. The purpose for this additional dedication was for the construction of Laurier Parkway. In exchange for the property, the agreement stated that the Town would:
 - a) Construct Laurier Parkway within the ROW at the Town's cost. This relieved the owner from constructing their portion of the arterial road as part of a future development application. It also provided the property with access and frontage to a built arterial road that now forms part of the Town's mixed-use corridor.

This approach was consistently applied along entire length of Laurier Parkway given the multiple property owners.

- b) Provide access culverts to both north and south pieces of property for farming purposes.

In response to the request from the Sorge Family, the Town provided a letter indicating that the dedication of the ROW unfortunately did not fall within the criteria established within the policy. The agreements contain the items that were provided for both parties, and there is no mention of park naming.

Administration maintains the position that the request does not fit the criteria of the policy and therefore does not recommend the proposed name.

New Park Name

As an alternative, the policy sets out other options for assigning a name to a park. Below is the criteria, and information to consider for each:

The name of the street on which the park or recreation facility is located.

- Administration does not feel that this criteria applies, as the park is located on Meo Drive, and a Meo Park already exists in the Seven Lakes development.

The name of the community area that the park or recreation facility will serve.

- The development name is referred to as "Laurier Horizons". This is a direct link to a company name, and therefore does not satisfy the criteria within the policy.

A historically significant name in terms of famous pioneers, settlements, establishments of incidents applied to the area in which the park facility is located.

- Administration does not believe this item applies in this situation.

Topographical or unique characteristics of the site.

- Administration does not believe this item applies in this situation.

In addition to the criteria in the Parks Naming Policy, Administration would also propose for Council consideration the option of naming the park based upon the list of retired Councillor members that have been identified in the Street Naming Policy. Additionally, Administration has included a list of names of Council members that have retired since the policy was last updated.

List from Street Naming Policy:

Munro (1956 Councillor, S.W.)
 Crown (1956 Councillor, S.W.)
 Fitch (1956 Councillor, S.W.)
 Delisle (1931 Councillor, S.W.)
 Olsen (1943 Mayor, LaSalle)
 Henderson (1947 Mayor, LaSalle)
 Bezaire (1924 Councillor, LaSalle)
 Hewson (1934 Councillor, S.W.)
 Campeau (1932 Councillor, LaSalle)
 Lacombe (1932 Councillor, LaSalle)
 Tapson (1950 Councillor, LaSalle)

Additional retired Councillor members following the Policy update. For Council's benefit, we have indicated where the Town has an existing street name that is or closely matches a Council member name:

Ronald Arkell (Councillor)
 John Tedesco (Councillor)
 Raymond Renaud (Councillor)
 Suzan Hamdon (Councillor)
 Wayne Fortin (Councillor)
 Dennis Pare (Councillor) – Street name, Pare Lane
 Gary Baxter (Mayor) - Street name, Baxter Crescent
 Ken Antaya (Mayor) – Street name, Antaya Street
 Marc Bondy (Mayor) – Street name, Bondy Avenue

Administration is recommending that Council assign a name from the above Council member name lists, or an alternative name suggested by Council.

For Council's information, below are examples of public assets named after retired Council members by way of the Naming Policy through Council decision in recent years:

Vince Marcotte (Mayor) - Park
Mike Raymond (Mayor) – Street name
William Varga (Mayor) – Library name
Joseph Durocher (Councillor) – Street name
Judy Recker (Councillor) – Street name

Consultations

NA

Financial Implications

None

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Link to Strategic Goals

1. Enhancing organizational excellence - Not Applicable
2. Strengthen the community's engagement with the Town - Not Applicable
3. Grow and diversify the local economy - Not Applicable
4. Build on our high-quality of life - Yes
5. Sustaining strong public services and infrastructure - Yes

Communications

The delegate has been notified of this report and meeting.

Report Approval Details

Document Title:	New Park Name at Laurier and Meo.docx
Attachments:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Letter from Sorge Family.pdf- Letter from Horizons Group.pdf- LaSalle Response - Harmony Lakes Subdivision Park Name.pdf- Naming of Parks and Recreation Facilities Policy.pdf
Final Approval Date:	Jun 25, 2024

This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:



Chief Administrative Officer

Joe Milicia

What is the contribution that the individual has made to public life and well-being of LaSalle:

We are coming before council this evening to respectfully ask that the parkland located in Laurier Heights be named Gino Sorge Park.

33 plus years ago, Gino Sorge and his son Tony were out for a Sunday drive when they came upon a "For Sale" sign on the land currently known as Laurier Heights. At the time, they knew it would be a long-term project but believed wholeheartedly in the growth and potential of our small town of LaSalle. They purchased it the following day.

Gino and Tony were later approached by Bob Hayes, who asked them to consider allowing a major roadway, Laurier Parkway, to traverse this family land. To that point, none of the other land owners to the north or south would agree to donate any part of their lands for this purpose. But Gino Sorge did agree, and he did donate the land for this roadway. Fast forward to today and the effects of this contribution and kind act have facilitated the following:

-Laurier Parkway is an arterial roadway, and as such, it is very important in terms of carrying large volumes of traffic.

-Residents of LaSalle can connect to the Vollmer Complex with ease, from north and south, east and west, fulfilling many community needs.

-The same can be said about the schools in this neighbourhood, adding ease of access.

-Laurier Parkway provides another access to Howard and consequently to the 401.

-Laurier Parkway has enhanced the network of roadways, enabling LaSalle to be better serviced in a more efficient and fluid manner.

-The residential development that this has enabled has added to the population of LaSalle significantly, bringing with it, new business, construction and diversity.

One of the Town criteria for naming parks and recreational facilities, is to consider the contributions of an individual in terms of public life and well-being of the Town of LaSalle. The aforementioned benefits more than sufficiently meet this criterion.

The overall effects have resulted in a more dynamic and vibrant community, and embody community values. The benefits of a much-needed throughway, in addition to the donated parkland, are and will be enjoyed not only by Town residents, but by others visiting, people coming into LaSalle for work or sports, and helping Town businesses. In short, the connectivity of Laurier Parkway has added to the growth and progress of LaSalle.

Two generations of the Sorge family, and now a third, have worked with Town administration in the development of this land, but let's acknowledge who and where it started. Therefore, we are asking that the park land in Laurier Heights be named Gino Sorge Park. It should be noted

here, that the current developers, Horizons Group, are in support of this request and we submit their approval in writing.

Naming the park after Gino Sorge, would be in this family's view, a small token from the Town recognizing these positive and significant contributions to this community, and it would mean a great deal to our family to honour him in this way.

Thank you for allowing us to share our views on the naming of this park.

The Sorge Family



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April 5, 2024

Dear Town of LaSalle Council,

I am writing this letter on behalf of Lankor Horizons Development Inc. the developer of the subdivision located in LaSalle and known as Laurier Heights (Harmony Lakes) Subdivision.

This letter is to serve as an expression of our support to name the park after the late Gino Sorge.

Regards,

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Imad Najjar

President

C. 519-919-2277



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October 31, 2023

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Attention: Melanie Muir, MCIP RPP
Planner

Harmony Lakes Subdivision
Park Name Request
Draft Plan of Subdivision – 37-T-19003

I would like to address your recent proposal, on behalf of Lankor Horizons Development Inc., for the naming of the park located in the Lankor Horizons Subdivision (formerly Harmony Lakes Subdivision). After careful consideration and evaluation, we regret to inform you that the request to name the park in memory of the late Mr. Gino Sorge has not been accepted by the Town of LaSalle.

This policy identifies that the naming of a park after a person will be considered if the following apply:

- The contribution of the individual, group or corporation has made to the public life or well-being of the Town of LaSalle;
- The contribution made to the acquisition of the parkland or facility in question and/or its subsequent development;
- Direct relationship or association that existed between the place of residence of an individual and the park or facility to be named;
- Where a park or facility is named after a sports celebrity the entity being named shall be of a type associated with the celebrity;
- Where the name of an individual is so used, approval shall be obtained from the individual or his or her next of kin for such naming;
- Where the name of a group or corporation is so used, approval shall be obtained from the group or corporation;

- Where the name of a group or corporation is so used, the name shall be reflective of the "community values" of the Town of LaSalle;
- The person or persons submitting such name for consideration shall provide background information outlining the reasons supporting the request.

While I understand that Tony Sorge, son of the late Gino Sorge, would like to be able to honor his father with a park name, we have found that the naming of a park after Gino Sorge does not meet the criteria outlined in our policy. As such, I encourage you to review the Naming of Parks and Recreation Facilities Policy and consider proposing an alternative name that aligns with the criteria mentioned therein.

We understand that this may be disappointing news, but we believe that by working together and adhering to the policy, we can successfully name the park in a way that best reflects our community.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation. Should you have any further questions or require clarification regarding the policy, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Kristina Brcic
Manager of Planning & Development
Town of LaSalle



Naming of Parks and Recreation Facilities Policy

Policy Manual Section: Governance – Culture and Recreation

Policy Number: G-CR-001

Authority: P/R-106-90, CR-6901/04

Date Approved: February 27, 1990

Department Responsible: Culture and Recreation

Revision Dates: November 9, 2004

Review Date: October, 2021

Status: Active

Purpose:

To provide consistent criteria and a process for the naming of public parks and recreation facilities in the Town of LaSalle.

Policy Statement:

This policy governs how the names of municipal parks and recreation facilities are chosen.

Scope:

Applies to Town of LaSalle parks, indoor and outdoor recreation facilities and rooms within facilities.

Policy:

Town of LaSalle parks, recreation facilities (or rooms within facilities) and outdoor recreation facilities shall be named or re-named in accordance with the following criteria:

- Name of the street on which the park or recreation facility is located.
- The name of the community area that the park or recreation facility will serve.
- A historically significant name in terms of famous pioneers, settlements, establishments of incidents applied to the area in which the park facility is located.
- Topographical or unique characteristics of the site.



- In certain circumstances consideration may be given to naming a park, or facility, or rooms within a facility after a person, group or corporation. In such circumstances the following criteria will apply:
 - The contribution of the individual, group or corporation has made to the public life or well-being of the Town of LaSalle;
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 - The person or persons submitting such name for consideration shall provide background information outlining the reasons supporting the request.
- Names of parkland, recreation facilities and rooms within recreation facilities shall be submitted to the Culture & Recreation/Parks Advisory Committee. The Committee shall consider each request using the aforementioned criteria. The Director of Culture & Recreation will submit a report to the C.A.O.'s office with a recommendation to Town Council who shall have final approval of such selections.

Responsibilities:

The Director of Culture and Recreation is responsible for the administration of this policy.



Policy Review

This policy will be periodically reviewed and updated as required. This policy must be reviewed by the stated review date and approved by the responsible department.

References and Related Documents:

Policy #76

Attachments:

None.