

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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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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