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Halifax Regional Council
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TO: Mayor Savage and Members of Halifax Regional Council

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SUBMITTED BY: _____
Jacques Dubé, Chief Administrative Officer

DATE: November 3, 2017

SUBJECT: **AN102: HRM Asset Names, October 1, 2016 - April 18, 2017**

ORIGIN

HRM has received asset naming requests from the period October 1, 2016 to April 18, 2017.

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

Administrative Order Number 46, Respecting HRM Asset Naming Policies

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Halifax Regional Council:

1. approve:
 - (a) The addition of the name Graham Downey to the existing Commemorative Names List as shown on Attachment A;
 - (b) The renaming of Samuel R Balcolm Community Centre Park to Samuel R Balcom Community Centre Park and the renaming of Eastern Passage Commons to Eastern Passage Common as shown on Attachment B & C;
 - (c) The naming of the walkway in the Public Gardens, Queen Elizabeth II Walkway as shown on Attachment D; and
 - (d) The administrative park names as shown on Attachment E.

BACKGROUND

HRM's Asset Naming Policy Administrative Order (A.O.46) allows any person or group to apply for a commemorative name for HRM assets, particularly streets, parks or buildings. The A.O. requires the Civic Addressing Coordinator to consult with at least one representative from each asset category, the municipal archivist, and a representative from HRM Cultural Affairs on each application. This group forms the HRM Asset Naming Committee (the Committee). The Committee also consults with the local Councillor(s) for each application. This report outlines the eighth list of recommended names since the adoption of the Asset Naming Policy in 2010.

Requests

The Committee recommends Regional Council approve nine requests for the period of October 1, 2016 to April 18, 2017 as outlined below:

- a) 1 name to be added to the commemorative names list;
- b) 2 requests to rename parks to correct typographical errors;
- c) 1 request to name a park feature; and
- d) 5 administrative park names.

DISCUSSION

The Committee recommends that Regional Council approve all nine requests as outlined below:

Commemorative Names List:

Commemorative names recognize individual persons, groups of people and geographic features. The Asset Naming criteria states that individuals who have demonstrated excellence, courage or exceptional service to the citizens of HRM, the Province of Nova Scotia and/or Canada may be recognized. The criteria also allows for names that reflect the history and or culture of the municipality. The Asset Naming Committee is recommending approval of one commemorative name application, Graham Downey.

This name meets the criteria of the HRM Asset Naming Policies. Therefore, the Asset Naming Committee recommends that this application, as outlined in Attachment A be approved and added to the commemorative names list.

Park Renaming:

The Committee recommends renaming Samuel R Balcolm Community Centre Park, Port Dufferin to Samuel R Balcom Community Centre Park (Attachment B) and renaming Eastern Passage Commons, Eastern Passage to Eastern Passage Common (Attachment C).

Park Feature Naming:

The Committee recommends naming the walkway in the Public Gardens, as shown in Attachment D, the Queen Elizabeth II Walkway.

Administrative Park and Park Feature Names:

Administrative names reflect either the neighborhood, subdivision, street or community name in which a park or park feature is located. Since the previous asset naming report, five administrative names have been submitted. Staff have reviewed the names and recommend that all five names, as outlined in Attachment E, be approved by Regional Council.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are minimal costs associated with the administration of the HRM's Asset Naming Policy. These costs can be accommodated within the existing 2017-2018 operating budget for C420-Planning & Development.

RISK CONSIDERATION

There are no significant risks associated with the recommendations contained within this report.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The community engagement process is consistent with the intent of the HRM Community Engagement Strategy. The level of community engagement is ongoing and is achieved through promotion online and the creation of printed marketing material and engaging local interest groups. Any member of the community is welcome to submit applications for commemorative names within HRM.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no environmental implications associated with this report.

ALTERNATIVES

1. Regional Council could choose to not approve some, or all, of the requested names. This alternative is not recommended as the names meet the Council approved criteria as outlined in HRM Asset Naming Policies.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A: Graham Downey's Application
Attachment B: Samuel R Balcom Community Centre Park, Port Dufferin
Attachment C: Eastern Passage Common, Eastern Passage
Attachment D: Queen Elizabeth II Walkway Application
Attachment E: Administrative Park Names

A copy of this report can be obtained online at halifax.ca or by contacting the Office of the Municipal Clerk at 902.490.4210.

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Attachment A – Graham Downey’s Application

Graham Downey

Request

-Street or Park

Geographic Location

-Halifax (Cogswell Street Redevelopment Area)

Request to be considered under the following criteria

- individual(s) who have demonstrated excellence, courage or exceptional service to the citizens of HRM, NS and/or Canada
- individual(s) has an extraordinary community service record

Biography (as provided by the applicant)

Graham Downey was born in Halifax in May of 1939 and passed away September 2015. His first leadership role as a negotiator began as a recruiter and coach in 1956 of the Vivas Bantam Baseball team. The final team he coached and managed was the Vaughan Furriers, which went on to win the Maritime Junior Baseball Championship in 1962; Graham’s teams were always multi-racial, which wasn’t easy in the 1960’s. In 2008, a book, “The Boys of 62”, was published by New World Publishing chronicling the achievements of Graham Downey in breaking down racial barriers at that time. He was the first African Nova Scotia Alderman for Ward 3 and later Councillor for District 12 in Halifax for over 27 years. He had the distinction of serving longer than any other councillor in Halifax. He also served as Deputy Mayor from 1978 to 1979.

Graham was co-owner with his late brother Billy of the well-known and very popular Arrows Night Club. They hosted many popular entertainers from all over the world. He was employed with CBC for 21 years. Some of his honors and appointments include; Halifax Port Authority; Dr. W.P. Oliver Wall of Honor, 2002 QEII Golden Jubilee Medal, 2012 QEII Diamond Jubilee Medal, Halifax Bridge Commission, Halifax Water Commission, Metro Centre/World Trade Board and many more recognitions and awards.

Attachment B – Samuel R Balcom Community Centre Park

Request

-Rename Samuel R Balcolm Community Centre Park

Geographic Location

-25718 Highway 7, Port Dufferin

Background

Samuel Rosborough Balcom was born on the 24th of March in 1888 in Port Dufferin, Nova Scotia. He was a prominent Halifax businessman and politician. He founded the retail and wholesale drug business, Macleod Balcom Ltd. In Halifax. He was also active on the city's Board of Trade and served in both World Wars.

The renaming is to correct a typographical error in the spelling of Mr Balcom's name.

Attachment C – Eastern Passage Common

Request

-Rename Eastern Passage Commons

Geographic Location

-Oceanview School Road, Eastern Passage

Background

The renaming is to correct a typographical error to remove the “s” in the spelling of the Eastern Passage Common.

Attachment D – Queen Elizabeth II Walkway Application

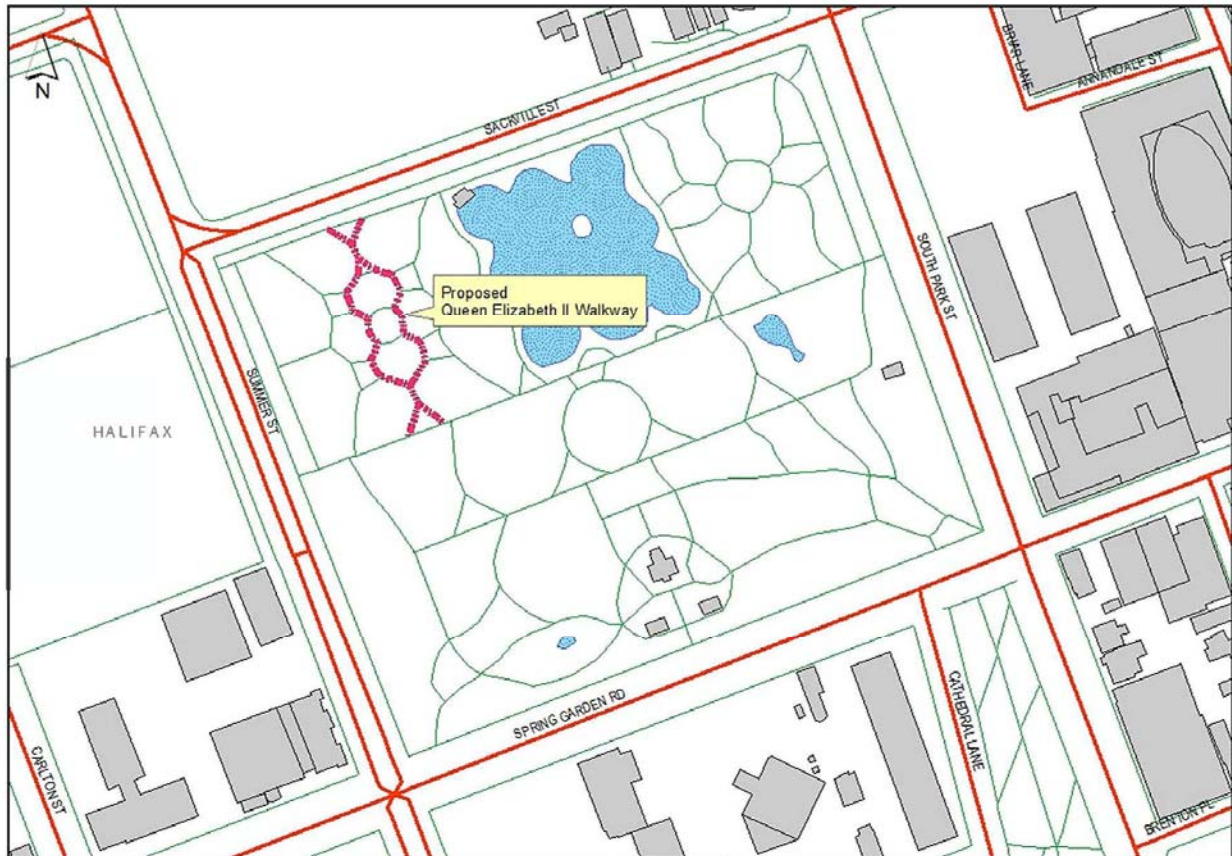
Queen Elizabeth II

Request

-name the pathway around the Jubilee Fountain in the Public Gardens, Queen Elizabeth II Walkway

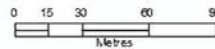
Geographic Location

-5771 Spring Garden Road, Halifax



Proposed Queen Elizabeth II Walkway

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Request to be considered under the following criteria

- individual(s) who have demonstrated excellence, courage or exceptional service to the citizens of HRM, NS and/or Canada
- individual(s) has an extraordinary community service record
- requested name is historically significant to the development of HRM, the Province of NS and/or Canada
- requested name reflects or represents traditions and or tradition bearers.

Biography (as provided by the applicant)

On September 9, 2015, Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II became the longest reigning monarch in British and Canadian history, when the length of her reign surpassed that of her great-great-grandmother, Queen Victoria.

In 2017, Canadians are celebrating the 150th Anniversary of Canadian Confederation, and are also celebrating her Majesty's Sapphire (65th) Jubilee.

Queen Elizabeth II has spent her life in dedication to public service, and has been tireless in her efforts to ensure that all peoples live with justice, and with equality of human rights, regardless of ancestry; race; language; gender; color, or religious beliefs.

The application included many letters of support from former Lieutenant Governor's of Nova Scotia, current Federal and Provincial Politicians, The Friends of the Public Gardens Society and other supporters.

Attachment E –Administrative Park & Park Feature Names

1. Bearpaw Drive Park
-18 Bearpaw Drive, Beaver Bank (District 14)
2. Bradfod Place Park
-Bradford Place, Bedford (District 16)
3. Coronation Avenue Park
-26 Coronation Avenue, Halifax (District 10)
4. Hilden Drive Park
-82 Hiilden Drive, Halifax (District 11)
5. Hogan Court Park
-Hogan Court, Bedford (District 10)