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**Item No. 15.1.3**  
**Halifax Regional Council**  
**March 22, 2022**

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

**SUBMITTED BY:**

Original Signed by 

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Jacques Dubé, Chief Administrative Officer

**DATE:** January 22, 2022

**SUBJECT:** AN111 – HRM Asset Names – June 1 to October 31, 2021

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## **ORIGIN**

HRM has received asset naming requests from the period June 1, 2021 – October 31, 2021

## **LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY**

Administrative Order Number 46, Respecting HRM Asset Naming Policies

## **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that Halifax Regional Council:

- 1) Approve the addition of Alvena Cain, Beechville Park, Mark Smith, Rae's Awareness, Amalamek, Atoqwa'su, Kastik, Kuow, Lentuk, Patuo'qn, Plamipkl, Skokomul, Suoman, Tupsi, Wasoqiman, Wowkwis to the existing Commemorative Names List as shown on Attachment A;
- 2) Approve Kai Matthews as a commemorative name and approve the renaming of Big Hubley Lake Drive Park Bike Park to Kai Matthews Bike Park at 366 Big Hubley Lake Dr., Hubley as shown on Attachment B; and
- 3) Approve the placement of the Jumpstart Playground name to the future playground at the George Dixon Centre Park at 2502 Brunswick St., Halifax as shown on Attachment C.

## **BACKGROUND**

Administrative Order #46 (A.O. 46) contains HRM's Asset Naming Policies, which allows any person or group to apply for a commemorative name for HRM assets, particularly streets, parks or buildings. A.O. 46 requires applications to be submitted to the Civic Addressing Coordinator and for the Coordinator to consult, on each application, with the HRM Asset Naming Committee (Committee) which consists of:

- 1) at least one representative from each asset category (parks, streets and buildings):
- 2) the municipal archivist; and
- 3) a representative from HRM Cultural Affairs.

The Committee also consults with the local Councillor(s) on each application.

### **Commemorative Names List**

Under A.O. 46, HRM has created a Commemorative Names List to 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 allow for names that recognize geographical or topographical features of the area and traditions and tradition bearers.

### **Asset Renaming**

As per A.O. 46, renaming requests for parks, park feature and building assets shall only be considered if the existing name is an administrative name (i.e. Brook Street Park); or if the commemorative name is commemorating a living person who no longer meets the criteria for which they were commemorated; or if Regional Council determines the commemorative name no longer meets the values of the Municipality.

### **Asset Name Placement**

As per A.O. 46, Regional Council shall approve the placement of park, park feature and building asset names (both administrative and commemorative) based on a bi-annual recommendation report submitted by the Civic Addressing Coordinator.

### **Requests**

Between June 1 and October 31, 2021 eighteen applications were submitted as follows:

- 1) 16 commemorative name requests as outlined in Attachment A;
- 2) 1 asset renaming request to rename Big Hubley Like Drive Park Bike Park to Kai Matthews Bike Park, as outlined in Attachment B; and
- 3) 1 commemorative name placement request for the Jumpstart Playground at the George Dixon Centre Park, 2502 Brunswick St, Halifax, as outlined in Attachment C.

## **DISCUSSION**

The HRM Asset Naming Committee reviewed the above noted applications and recommends that Regional Council approve all 18 requests as outlined below:

### **Commemorative Names List**

The Asset Naming Committee reviewed the sixteen submitted commemorative name applications for:

Alvena Cain,	Beechville Park,	Mark Smith,	Rae's Awareness,
Amalamek,	Atoqwa'su,	Kastik,	Kuow,
Lentuk,	Patuo'qn,	Plamipkl,	Skokomul,
Suoman,	Tupsi,	Wasoqiman,	Wowkwis.

These names meet the criteria of the HRM Asset Naming Policies. Therefore, the Asset Naming Committee recommends that all these applications, as outlined in Attachment A be approved and added to the commemorative names list.

#### Park Feature Renaming

As per AO 46's renaming policy, the administrative name Big Hubley Lake Drive Bike Park is eligible for renaming and Kai Matthews meets the criteria of the HRM Asset Naming Policies. The Committee recommends the renaming of the Big Hubley Lake Drive Park Bike Park to the applicant's requested name, Kai Matthews Bike Park, as shown on Attachment B.

#### Commemorative Name Placement

The Jumpstart Playground name was approved by Regional Council at their September 28, 2021<sup>1</sup> meeting. At that time, the location for the name was not finalized. Those details have now been confirmed and the Committee recommends the placement of the Jumpstart Playground name on the proposed location of the playground at the George Dixon Centre Park, 2502 Brunswick St., Halifax, as show on Attachment C.

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are minimal costs associated with the administration of the HRM's Asset Naming Policies. These costs can be accommodated within the existing 2021-2022 operating budget for C420-Land Development & Subdivision within Planning and Development.

### **RISK CONSIDERATION**

There are no significant risks associated with the recommendations in this Report. The risks considered rate "Low".

### **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**

No environmental implications were identified.

### **ALTERNATIVES**

Regional Council could choose not to approve some, or all, of the requested names.

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<sup>1</sup> See staff report online at: [Proposed Amendments to AO 46, HRM Asset Naming Policies - AN110 – Jumpstart Playground - Sep 28/21 Regional Council | Halifax.ca](#)

**ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment A: Commemorative Name Applications for HRM's Commemorative Names List  
Attachment B: Kai Matthews Bike Park  
Attachment C: Jumpstart Playground

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A copy of this report can be obtained online at [halifax.ca](http://halifax.ca) or by contacting the Office of the Municipal Clerk at 902.490.4210.

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**Attachment A – Commemorative Name Applications for  
HRM's Commemorative Names List**

**1. Alvena Cain's Application**

**Request**

-Street

**Geographic Location**

- Halifax (proposed renaming of Divas Lane)

**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

**Biography (as provided by the applicant)**

*Alvena was born in Halifax and passed away in Jan of 2013. She retired from the Halifax Regional School Board after 25+ years of service and was a pioneer behind the Four Plus Program that is implemented in our schools today.*

*Alvena had a lifelong dedication to community through her tireless volunteer commitments including:*

*Halifax Regional Police Diversion and Citizen's Patrol Committees  
Central Halifax Seniors Recreation Committee  
HRM Harbour Solutions Project  
North-End Walkers  
Carrot Co-Op Committee and many more.*

*Alvena has a plaque in the George Dixon Centre and the North End Business Association each year gives out The Alvena Cain Humanitarian Award of Excellence to a community elder in recognition of tireless work in an effort to better their community.*

*Alvena started the North End Walkers in 2004 at the North End Community Health Centre. She had 24 of her friends joining from the community and over the following nine years, helped lead them to contribute to many community initiatives, raising money for gardens, benches and food. They were featured on local and national news for their work in the Uniacke Square community.*

*In 2007 she received a certificate from HRM in recognition of her outstanding volunteer service as a member of the Harbour Solutions Project – Halifax Community Liaison Committee.*

**Letters of Support**

Hope Blooms

Residents of Divas Lane - petition of support from all 7 residences

## **2. Beechville Park's Application**

### **Request:**

- street

### **Geographic Location:**

- Beechville (Beechville Industrial Park)

### **Request to be considered under the following criteria**

- requested name reflects the history and or culture of HRM's culturally diverse communities
- requested name recognizes geographical or topographical features of the area.

### **Biography (as provided by the applicant)**

*The Lakeside Industrial Park was created by Halifax County Industrial Commission in the 1960s. The industrial park was in the community of Beechville, however, the Industrial Commission chose to call it Lakeside Industrial Park and they named the main road into the park, Lakeside Park Drive.*

*In 2017, former Councillor Zurawski asked for a staff report to rename the industrial park to the geographically correct Beechville Industrial Park and to also consider renaming the street Lakeside Park Drive. The industrial park was renamed at Regional Council's July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019 meeting. Since then, Council has amended the civic addressing policies to allow them to rename street for "values" reasons.*

*The first phase of the street renaming for Lakeside Park Drive, call for suggestions for the new street name, has been completed. Beechville Park is one of the suggested names and must be approved as a commemorative name before it can be considered for the new street name.*

### **3. Mark Smith's Application**

#### **Request:**

- park feature (ball diamond)

#### **Geographic Location:**

- Halifax (peninsula)

#### **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) who have an extraordinary community service record
- requested name reflects the history and or culture of HRM's culturally diverse communities

#### **Biography (as provided by the applicant)**

*Mark Smith was born and raised in the north end of Halifax. He left home in the winter of 1978 to pursue his dream of playing softball. After a playing career across Canada, US and New Zealand he returned back home to Nova Scotia in 1985, with the goal of raising the profile of Nova Scotia and Canada in the sport of softball. Mark is the first player from Nova Scotia to be inducted into the Softball Canada Hall of Fame, ISC American Softball Hall of Fame and the Nova Scotia Sports Hall of Fame and the first African Canadian.*

*For more than a dozen years, he worked with young offenders at the Nova Scotia Youth Centre in Waterville and later was the province's 3M Fair Play Coordinator. In 2002, Mark was recruited by Sport Nova Scotia in the role of Director, Sport Development. In this role Mark was instrumental in launching ground-breaking programs such as the After School Physical Activity Program and the Youth Leadership Program*

*Among his many accomplishments and achievements, in 1999, and in 2018, Mark was voted number 10, among Nova Scotia's top athletes of the millennium and greatest in Nova Scotia's history respectively. In 2016 he was awarded the Coaching Association of Canada's Jack Donohue Coach of the Year Award.*

*In 2017, Smith was approached and asked to take over the Japanese Women's National Team in preparation for the Tokyo Olympics. Following the Olympics Mark, officially retired as head coach of Canada's Women's National Program.*

### **3. Rae's Awareness Application**

#### **Request**

- Parks feature or Trail

#### **Geographic Location**

- Cole Harbour

#### **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

#### **Biography (as provided by the applicant)**

*"The Rehtaeh Parsons Society is a non-profit society focused on wellness through the education, awareness and prevention of sexualized violence and cyber abuse, and one of their slogans is "Rae's Awareness".*

*Rehtaeh Parson's life ended early in 2013 at the young age of 17 after over a year of harassment and systems allowing a photo of her rape to be circulated until the time of her death. Rehtaeh has raised awareness of cyber abuse and how this can impact the wellness of people of any age. Laws have been changed because of her experience and her story still teaches people the importance of sexual consent, cyber abuse and mental health in countries all over the world. Rehtaeh died by suicide because of these traumas but her death and the death of others by suicide should not be tainted by the way they died. We need to end the stigma of suicide and mental health."*

#### **4. Mi'kmaw Language Names**

##### **Origin**

On June 21, 2020 Regional Council approved the following recommendation from the Task Force on the Commemoration of Edward Cornwallis and the Recognition and Commemoration of Indigenous History:

- (13) *That the diversity of new names for streets and other HRM assets be enhanced by working with the Mi'kmaw community to generate an expanded list of potential names.*

##### **Request**

-Streets

##### **Geographic Location**

- See below

##### **Requests to be considered under the following criteria**

-Requested name reflects or represents traditions and or tradition bearers

<b>Name</b>	<b>Meaning</b>	<b>Location</b>
AMALAMEK	Mackerel	Any location
ATOQWA'SU	Trout	Any location
KASTIK	Ground juniper	Any location
KUOW	Pine	Any location
LENTUK	Deer	Any location
PATUO'QN	Driftwood	Dartmouth (Dartmouth Cove)
PLAMUIPKL	Peppermint	Any location
SKOKOMUL	New wooden boat	Dartmouth (Dartmouth Cove)
SUOMAN	Beech nut	Any location
TUPSI	Alder tree	Any location
WASOQIMAN	Red ground berries	Any location
WOWKWIS	Fox/Foxes	Any location

## Attachment B – Kai Matthews Bike Park

### Request

- Rename Big Hubley Lake Drive Park Bike Park to Kai Matthews Bike Park (see map below)

### Geographic Location

- Within Big Hubley Lake Drive Park, 366 Big Hubley Lake Drive, Hubley

### Request to be considered under the following criteria

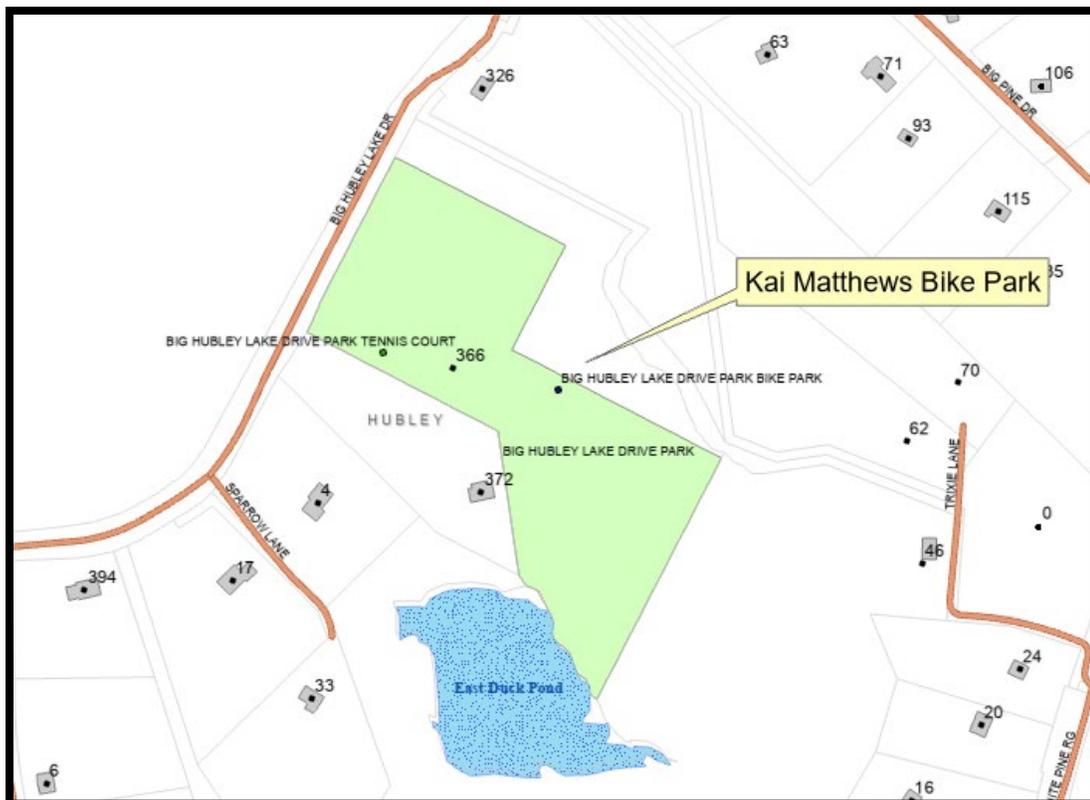
- Individual(s) who have demonstrated excellence, courage or exceptional service to the citizens of the HRM, NS and/or Canada

### Biography (as provided by the applicant)

*In the Big Hubley Lake Road Park lies a bike park which was inspired by 11-year-old Kai Matthews. Alongside his parents, they debated with the HRM that it was an effective plan to build a park for biking in the park that would lie within his neighbourhood. It was a place that we all shared an immense amount of memories and will be used by so many kids as the future unfolds. After fighting a helpless battle with meningitis, Kai's life was taken far too soon at 19 years old.*

*To honour the legacy that he created at the park, I believe the park should be renamed after him to be remembered. I would also like to request that additional information be provided under the park sign to increase awareness for the new organization (BforKai) that has begun to educate people and raise vaccination rates for Meningitis B.*

*Kai was born March 13, 2002 in Halifax. He passed away June 1, 2021. In 2019 he proudly represented Team Nova Scotia at the Canada Winter Games. As a competitive snowboarder he represented Nova Scotia in over 52 countries. He recently finished his first year of Kinesiology at Dalhousie.*



## Attachment C – Jumpstart Playground

### Request

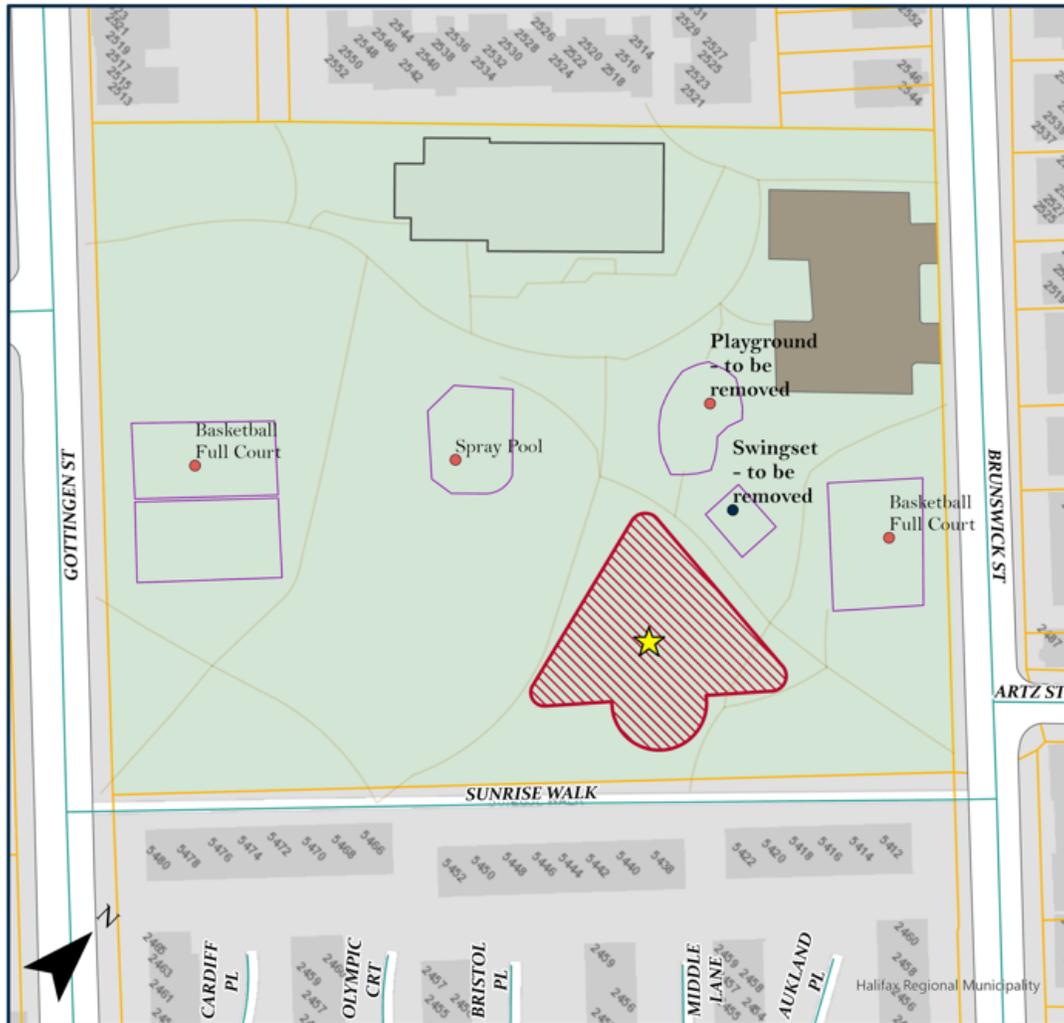
- Place the approved named, Jumpstart Playground at the George Dixon Centre Park as shown on the map below

### Geographic Location

- Within the George Dixon Centre Park, 2502 Brunswick St, Halifax

### Name Approval Date

- September 28, 2021



## ***George Dixon Centre Park***

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-  Proposed Jumpstart Playground
-  Parcel Boundaries
-  George Dixon Centre Park
-  Parking Lot