



**SUBJECT: John William Boich Parkette Naming**

**TO: Committee of the Whole**

**FROM: Capital Works**

Report Number: CW-04-17

Wards Affected: 5

File Numbers: 930-07

Date to Committee: February 27, 2017

Date to Council: March 27, 2017

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### **Recommendation:**

Approve the name John William Boich Parkette for the city parkette located at 5233 Stonehaven Drive.

### **Purpose:**

A Healthy and Greener City

- Healthy Lifestyles

The purpose of this report is to recommend a name for the city parkette located at 5233 Stonehaven Drive (Appendix A).

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### **Background and Discussion:**

In 2012, after an extensive and successful community engagement process, City Council approved the purchase of 0.65 hectares (1.60 acres) of surplus land from the Halton District School Board (H.D.S.B.) for park development. In 2015 the land purchase was finalized and staff began planning the development of the parkette. Construction of the parkette is expected to be complete in 2017.

The parkette site is adjacent to John William Boich Public School. The name recommended for the parkette, John William Boich Parkette, is in accordance with corporate policy 1.3.7 Naming of City of Burlington Corporate Assets and is identifiable by local area residents.

The name honours John William Boich, who passed away in 2011. John was a Burlington resident who dedicated his career to education. He was passionate about building community strength through citizen engagement, inclusivity and diversity. John was an active member of the SHAPE Burlington group and his efforts contributed to the development of the Burlington Engagement Charter.

Arlene Millar, John's wife, is pleased the city is considering naming the parkette in commemoration of her husband.

### **Strategy/process**

The park name was chosen to comply with corporate policy 1.3.7 Naming of City of Burlington Corporate Assets.

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### **Financial Matters:**

There are no costs related to the park naming.

### **Total Financial Impact**

The cost of the park identification sign is approximately \$2000, which is included in the park development budget.

### **Source of Funding**

2017 Capital Budget.

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### **Public Engagement Matters:**

Through the public engagement process, the community consistently referred to the purchased site as John Boich Park. The H.D.S.B. and the family of John Boich were consulted and both are supportive of the name.

When the construction is complete, a park opening event will be organized. Arlene Millar and her family will be included in the celebration. The event will be advertised to the community and stakeholders.

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### **Conclusion:**

Approval of this report will officially identify the parkland located at 5233 Stonehaven Dr. as John William Boich Parkette.

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Respectfully submitted,

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### **Appendices:**

A. City Parkette Site – 5233 Stonehaven Dr.

### **Report Approval:**

All reports are reviewed and/or approved by Department Director, Director of Finance and Director of Legal. Final approval is by the City Manager.