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To: Chair and Members of the Committee of the Whole
From: Mayor Rick Goldring and Councillor Jack Dennison
Date: May 14, 2018
Re: Staff Direction: Renaming of Nelson Baseball Park

Casey Cosgrove was born in 1967 and grew up in South East Burlington. He died on August 31, 2017 at 50 years of age after battling cancer for the last seven years of his life.

During his seven-year battle with cancer he wrote extensively on a blog how he was managing and coping with all the tests and treatments he was dealing with. He made the readers of his blog cry, he made them laugh and most importantly he inspired them.

Casey had a profound impact on many people during his life and many of his greatest community contributions took place while he had cancer.

He served on the board of Nelson Youth Centre, was Vice President of Lung Cancer Canada, coached hockey with the Burlington Eagles and Nelson High School along with coaching baseball with the Burlington Organized Minor Baseball Association. He played a leading role in organizing the annual Terry Fox Run. Casey also played a major role in raising money for and facilitating the Terry Fox "Mile Marker" monument that is in the west end of Spencer Smith Park.

During the last few months of Casey's life, he mobilized a group of people to help beautify and improve the fencing at Nelson Baseball Park through the City of Burlington Community Matching Grant Program.

As a result of Casey's significant contribution to Burlington, I am asking for council support to:

Approve the renaming of the baseball diamond at Nelson Park to the Casey Cosgrove Baseball Field

Direct the Director of Parks & Recreation to work with Craig Gardner to take the appropriate steps to name and sign the baseball diamond at Nelson Park, the Casey Cosgrove Baseball Field.

Direct the Director of Parks & Recreation to work with Craig Gardner to determine interest with installing a memorial plaque to support the naming of Casey Cosgrove Baseball Field with funds to produce and install the plaque being provided by the community.

Regards,



Mayor Rick Goldring



Councillor Jack Dennison