



Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services  
Administration Office

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## INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: CHAIR AND MEMBERS  
FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

DATE: 2018 May 23

FROM: DIRECTOR PARKS, RECREATION &  
CULTURAL SERVICES

FILE: 02410-01

**SUBJECT: REQUEST TO DEDICATE DELTA-HALIFAX PARK IN HONOUR OF  
FREEMAN JAMES BARRINGTON**

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At a meeting on 2012 May 16, the Parks Recreation and Culture Commission received an item of correspondence (Attachment #1) from Mr. Darcy Olson, requesting the Commission consider dedicating the Delta-Halifax Park in honour of Freeman James Alfred Barrington. The correspondence was originally received by Council and copied to the Director Parks Recreation and Cultural Services. Mr. Olsen appeared as a delegation at the Parks Recreation and Culture Commission meeting on 2018 April 18 requesting an update on the status of the request.

The responsibility for naming parks and park facilities has been assigned by Council to the Financial Management Committee. The background information that provides context and aids in the consideration of this request is therefore now being forwarded to the Financial Management Committee.

The background material on Freeman James Barrington and the subject park site is as follows:

### Freeman James Barrington

James Alfred Barrington was awarded the Status of Freeman of the City of Burnaby on 1983 March 07 after 26 years of service to his community. A short biography of James Barrington's life and service contributions is enclosed as Attachment #2. Among the highlights are a 20-year stint with the Mainland Parks Advisory Association, 6 years on the Burnaby Parks and Recreation Commission, and 6 years on the Burnaby Beautification Committee. Mr. Barrington moved to Burnaby in 1956 with his wife and two children and reportedly lived in the Brentwood neighbourhood. James Barrington passed away on 1990 September 09.

### Delta-Halifax Park

Delta-Halifax Park is a small 1.49 acre neighbourhood parksite located on the southeast corner of Delta Avenue at Halifax Street (1841 Woodway Place) as illustrated in Attachment #3. The site is a shallow wooded ravine and is traversed by a small watercourse, Still Creek Tributary 4, and a common footpath (created by the public). Although this watercourse is piped for the majority of its run, it is considered a Class B watercourse by the Department of Fisheries and Oceans. Some garden vegetation associated with a former residence on the property remains, most notably a large laurel plant. The park functions primarily as a wooded buffer between the single-family residential neighbourhood and the higher density multi-family residential and highrise complexes to the south.

The park is located within a block of Mr. Darcy Olson's residence on Brentlawn Drive. Mr. Olson advises that James Barrington was a neighbour who also lived on Brentlawn Drive.

The name Delta-Halifax Park is the current name for this park site and it has become a long standing known geographical reference for the community. Within the context of rapid change in the Brentwood area, maintaining local reference points would be an important consideration.

### Brentwood Neighbourhood Context

As illustrated in Attachment #4, the Delta-Halifax Park site is located one block north of Springer Park, a developed neighbourhood park of 1.68 acres in size. Other parks serving the Brentwood neighbourhood are Brentwood School Park and Beecher Park. The new Brentwood Town Centre East neighbourhood is located immediately south of Loughheed to either side of Delta Avenue. A new school park is planned for this neighbourhood but the site has yet to be acquired. A second park for this new neighbourhood has recently been landscaped and transferred to City ownership by Ledingham McCallister. The park is known as Dawson-Delta Park and is 3.19 acres in size.



Dave Ellenwood  
Director, Parks and Recreation and Cultural services

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Attachments (4)

**Letter to the Mayor and Council of the City of Burnaby**

darcy olson [darcyontheroad@hotmail.com]

Sent: Thursday, April 05, 2012 3:02 PM

To: Clerks

CLERK'S FILE: 79000-01

Attachment #1

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PURPLE PACKAGE~~

Dear Mayor and Councillors of the Great City of Burnaby.  
April 5, 2012

Dear Sirs. This letter is written to the Mayor and Councillors to encourage their support in dedication of a park in honour of James Barrington, Freeman of Burnaby, for his contributions to the City of Burnaby during his residency in Burnaby, notably Brentwood Park subdivision.

Jim was a resident of the Brentwood Park community from its inception until his death and contributed greatly to his City and community. At the southeast corner of Halifax Street and Delta there is a large piece of city property that if cleaned up would make a suitable park for the ever expanding area of Brentwood. This would be a twofold gainful enterprise as it would honour the memory and contributions of Jim Barrington and should bear his name 'James Barrington Park', and it would clean up an otherwise overgrown tangle of bushes.

I await your thoughts on this proposal.

Sincerely, Darcy Olson  
4787 Brentlawn Drive  
Burnaby BC, V5C 3V4  
604 291 0820

**NOTE:** In the first email dated April 5, 2012, Darcy Olson, referred to the "southwest corner of Halifax Street and Delta," in the second email a correction was made noting that "the city owned property is the southeast corner of Halifax Street and Delta."

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James Alfred Barrington

Awarded Status of Freeman: March 7, 1983 (Presentation Made March 25, 1983)



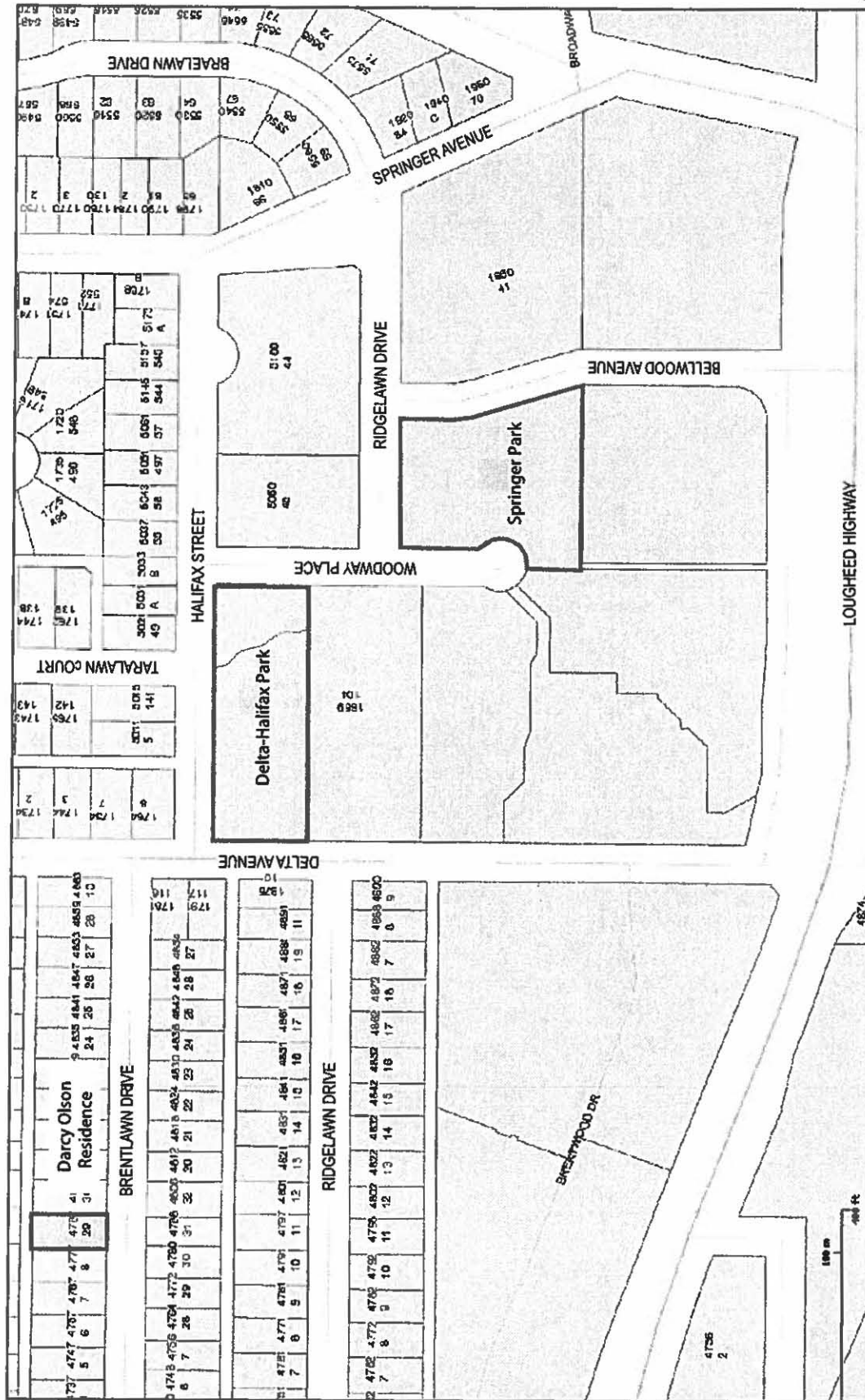
James Alfred Barrington claimed that his philosophy for life was “if you can’t have any fun at it, don’t do it.” Fortunately for the people of Burnaby, James always seemed to find a way to have fun while helping others in the community and when then Mayor Bill Lewarne announced that James would be made a Freeman of Burnaby in 1983, it seemed an appropriate honour for a man whose years of service contributed to the welfare, happiness and progress of the municipality.

James and his wife Yvonne moved to Burnaby in 1956 with their two children, Sandra and Brian. Almost immediately, James involved himself in community groups and organizations and so began a career of 26 years of service to Burnaby. A complete list of all James’ contributions would be difficult to compile due to the sheer number of groups and organizations with which he was affiliated, but among the highlights are a 20-year stint with the Mainland Parks Advisory Association, 6 years on the Burnaby Parks Commission, 6 years on the Burnaby Beautification Committee, as well as memberships and chairmanships on such boards as the Burnaby-Vancouver Central Park Committee, the Family Court Committee, the Burnaby Centennial ’71 Committee, the Burnaby Public Library Board, the Burnaby General Hospital Board, the New Vista Society and the Burnaby-New Westminster Canada Summer Games Committee – to name but a few.

Alongside all his public service, James also found pride in his 40-year career in retail advertising, working for the same newspaper. Even after retiring, he continued to contribute to building a better community. When he was told that he would be bestowed the title of “Freeman of Burnaby,” James informed the Mayor that he would accept the honour only on the basis that it represented all the hundreds of people over the years who had served on boards and community groups, who had worked to make the city a better place to live. It was this attitude which exemplified the character of James Alfred Barrington and which made him stand out as worthy of the honour of being named “Freeman of Burnaby.”

James Alfred Barrington died on September 9, 1990.





Date: May 2012  
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## Delta-Halifax Park: Location of Park and Darcy Olson Residence





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*Brentwood Town Centre East:  
Freeman James Barrington's home neighbourhood*

