

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL

*HIS WORSHIP, THE MAYOR
AND COUNCILLORS*

SUBJECT: MCPHERSON PARK RENAMING TO LEWARNE PARK

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. THAT Council receive this report for information.
2. THAT a copy of this report be forwarded to the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission for information.
3. THAT a copy of the report be forwarded to Mr. Bob Lewarne.

REPORT

Burnaby City Council, at its Closed meeting held on 2020 December 07, received and adopted the attached report from the Executive Committee of Council seeking authorization for the renaming of McPherson Park to Lewarne Park.

This report is provided for public information.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor S. Dhaliwal
Chair

Mayor M. Hurley
Vice Chair

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TO: CHAIR AND MEMBERS
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL

DATE: 2020 11 24

FROM: DIRECTOR - PARKS, RECREATION &
CULTURAL SERVICES

FILE: 1450-20

SUBJECT: MCPHERSON PARK RENAMING

PURPOSE: To recommend the re naming of McPherson Park to Lewarne Park.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. **THAT** Council rename McPherson Park in honour of Mr. William A. Lewarne.
2. **THAT** a copy of this report be forwarded to the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission for information.
3. **THAT** a copy of this report be forwarded to Mr. Bob Lewarne.

REPORT

1.0 INTRODUCTION

On 2020 March 04, the Executive Committee of Council received a report that outlined the history and service of Councillor William A. Lewarne to the City of Burnaby, [attachment #1](#). The report originally recommended the renaming of Nelson Ravine Park to Lewarne Park. At the request of the Executive Committee, the Mayor's office discussed the recommendation with the Lewarne Family and determined that McPherson Park would be a more appropriate park to rename for Mr. Lewarne as it was close to where he lived recreated, and interacted with the community. This report provides information pertinent to the request and a recommendation for renaming of the park.

2.0 POLICY SECTION

Goals

- An Inclusive Community
- A Dynamic Community

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3.0 BACKGROUND

The City has assembled properties in Southwest Burnaby for the creation of a district level park currently referred to as McPherson Park, attachment #2. The common name of the Park was originally selected due to its proximity to McPherson Avenue. There has been no formal park name dedication.

The renaming of McPherson Park to Lewarne Park is consistent with past naming practice and policy.

4.0 RECOMMENDATION

The long service and persistent dedication of Mr. Lewarne is commendable and worthy of a permanent landmark dedication, ideally located in South Burnaby. For his long service to the City as an elected official, and his contribution to the community, it is recommended that the City rename McPherson Park after William A Lewarne.

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Dave Ellenwood
DIRECTOR - PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURAL SERVICES

HE:km
Attachment

Copied to: City Manager
Director - Planning & Building



Meeting 2020 March 4
COMMITTEE REPORT

TO: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL **DATE:** 2020 February 26
FROM: MAYOR HURLEY **FILE:** 1450-20
SUBJECT: HONOURING MR. WILLIAM A. LEWARNE
PURPOSE: To honor the contribution of Mr. William A. Lewarne to the City of Burnaby by naming a ravine in his honor.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. **THAT** Council rename the Nelson Ravine in honor of Mr. William A. Lewarne.
2. **THAT** the announcement of the renaming of Nelson Ravine in honor of Mr. William A. Lewarne be made at the 2020 City Appreciation Dinner.
3. **THAT** the family of Mr. William A. Lewarne be notified of the ravine dedication and invited to any announcement events.
4. **THAT** a copy of the report be sent to the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission for information.

REPORT

INTRODUCTION

Burnaby, like most cities, dedicates landmarks, buildings and facilities in the name of residents that have made a significant contribution or impact to the community. Some examples in Burnaby include: the Alan H. Emmott Centre, Drummond Walk, Randall Pool, Lawson Creek and George McLean Park. The namesakes of the aforementioned landmarks have something in common, they all served on Burnaby City Council alongside Mr. William A. Lewarne. In consideration of Mr. Lewarne's noteworthy service to the City of Burnaby, a name dedication is sought.

BACKGROUND

Mr. William A. Lewarne was born in Burnaby in 1926, growing up in the family home on Nelson Avenue in Alta Vista. After two years in the army, Mr. Lewarne, with education in refrigeration, joined his family's ice cream distribution business until the business was sold to Dairyland in 1989. Mr. Lewarne entered politics in 1965, first with the Non Partisan Association (NPA) and then founded the Burnaby Voters Association (BVA). He was first elected to Council in June of 1973 through a by-election. He served on

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Council 1973-1975 and 1977-1981 as a Councillor before becoming Mayor in 1981, and served as Mayor until 1987.

In addition to Mr. Lewarne's contribution as a City Councillor and Mayor, he was involved in a variety of civic organizations including but not limited to: the Lions Club, the Rotary Club, Burnaby Association for Community Inclusion, and the Burnaby Hospital Foundation. Additionally, Mr. Lewarne continued to be active on the Board of the BVA until his passing in 1995.

RECOMMENDATION

The long service and persistent dedication of Mr. Lewarne is commendable and worthy of a permanent landmark dedication, ideally located in his home neighbourhood of Alta Vista. For his long service to the City as an elected official, and his contribution to the community, it is recommended that the City rename the Nelson Ravine after William A. Lewarne in his honor.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Mike Hurley
MAYOR

