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**Item No. 15.1.1**  
**Halifax Regional Council**  
**November 12, 2024**

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

**FROM:** Cathie O'Toole, Chief Administrative Officer

**DATE:** October 2, 2024

**SUBJECT:** AN115 – HRM Asset Names July 2, 2023 – September 1, 2024

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### **ORIGIN**

HRM asset names from July 2, 2023 to September 1, 2024.

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This report contains HRM asset naming requests received from July 2, 2023 to September 1, 2024 for both commemorative and administrative names. Each of the requests have been reviewed and are recommended for approval.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended that Halifax Regional Council:

1. Approve the renaming of Seaview Community Park to Jessica Brown Park as shown on Attachment A.
2. Approve the naming of Carroll Morgan Park as shown on Attachment B.
3. Approve the addition of Wayne Harrett and Robert Thomson to the existing Commemorative Names List as shown on Attachment C.
4. Approve the administrative park names as shown on Attachment D.

### **BACKGROUND**

HRM's Asset Naming Policy (Administrative Order 46) allows any person or group to apply for a commemorative name for HRM assets, particularly streets, parks or buildings. The Policy requires the Civic Addressing Coordinator to consult with at least one representative from each asset category, the municipal archivist, and a representative from Diversity and Inclusion on each application. This group forms the HRM Asset Naming Committee. The Committee also consults with the local Councillor (s) on each application, when applicable.

### Requests

Staff received 8 requests from residents for the period of July 2, 2023, to September 1, 2024, as outlined below:

- a) 1 renaming of a park to a commemorative name;
- b) 1 commemorative park naming;
- c) 2 names to be added to the commemorative names list; and
- d) 4 administrative park names.

### **DISCUSSION**

The HRM Asset Naming Committee reviewed all the requests and recommends that Regional Council approve all 8 requests as outlined below:

#### **Park Renaming**

A.O. 46 allows for the renaming of park assets which are administratively (non-Commemoratively) named. An application has been received from Prospect Bay community members to rename Seaview Community Park to Jessica Brown Park. A commemorative name application for Jessica Brown has been reviewed by the Asset Naming Committee.

The Asset Naming Committee recommends the renaming of Seaview Community Park to Jessica Brown Park, as outlined in Attachment A.

#### **Commemorative Park Naming**

On July 16, 2019, Regional Council approved the addition of the name “Carroll Morgan” to the Commemorative Names List. Carroll Morgan was a teacher, an accomplished athlete, an active volunteer and a mentor to many young people throughout HRM.

New parkland, located on Tuscany Run, Timberlea (see Attachment B), is recommended to be used as the placement opportunity for Carroll Morgan’s name. This location has been recommended in consultation with the applicant for this commemorative name. Therefore, staff recommend that the new parkland on Tuscany Run, Timberlea be named “Carroll Morgan Park” as outlined in Attachment B.

#### **Commemorative Names List**

Commemorative names recognize individual persons, groups of people, tradition bearers, historic events, native flora and fauna 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 are historically significant to the development of Halifax Regional Municipality, the Province of Nova Scotia and/or Canada.

The Asset Naming Committee reviewed two commemorative name applications for:

- a) Wayne Harrett; and
- b) Robert Thomson.

The Information submitted in support of both requests is contained in Attachment C. Both names meet the criteria of the HRM Asset Naming Policies.

The Asset Naming Committee recommends that both applications be approved and added to the commemorative names list as outlined in Attachment C

### **Administrative Park Names**

Administrative names reflect either the neighborhood, subdivision, street, or community name in which a park or park feature is located and must be approved by Regional Council. Since the previous asset naming report, four administrative names have been submitted:

- a) Granville Street Park, Halifax
- b) Barrington Street Park, Halifax
- c) Amalamek Way Park, Halifax
- d) Upper Water Street Park, Halifax

Each of these parks, being constructed as part of the Cogswell District project, are recommended to be named administratively to reflect the streets on which the parks will be located. Granville Street, Barrington Street and Upper Water Street are existing street names, while Amalamek Way is a new street name that was approved by Regional Council on September 3, 2024 following the presentation of staff report [CA139](#). Amalamek is a Mi'kmaw word meaning 'Mackerel'.

Each of the recommended administrative park names may be eligible to be renamed commemoratively in the future.

Staff have reviewed the names and recommend that the administrative names be approved by Regional Council, as shown in Attachment D.

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

No financial implications

### **RISK CONSIDERATION**

No risk considerations were identified.

### **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

The community engagement process is consistent with the intent of the HRM Community Engagement Strategy. 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 may approve some, or none, of the suggested names as outlined in this report. In some cases, alternative asset names would be required in the event of a rejection of one of the recommendations.

**LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY**

Administrative Order 46, Respecting HRM Asset Naming Policies.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment A: Renaming of Seaview Community Park to Jessica Brown Park

Attachment B: Naming of Carroll Morgan Park

Attachment C: Commemorative Name Applications for Commemorative Names List

Attachment D: Administrative Park Names

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## Attachment A: Renaming of Seaview Community Park

### Request

Rename Seaview Community Park to Jessica Brown Park

### Geographic Location

12 Pinedale Dr, Prospect Bay



### Request to be considered under the following criteria

- Individual(s) who have demonstrated excellence, courage or exceptional service to the citizens of the Halifax Regional Municipality, the Province of Nova Scotia and/or Canada
- Individual(s) who have an extraordinary community service record

### Demonstration of community support for renaming

- 650+ signatures on a petition
- 20+ letters of support submitted by community members, politicians, religious leaders, and various organizations

Background (summarized from information provided by applicant)

Jessica Brown was born in 1981 and passed away in 2024.

Jessica (Jess) Brown was a resident of Prospect Bay who had a profound impact on her community. Jess spent over a decade caring for and loving the children at Prospect Bay Children's Centre. The centre is located across the street from Seaview Park, the location requested to be renamed. Jess is described as someone whose job as an Early Childhood Educator was an extension of who she was – where each child she cared for as if they were her own. She was instrumental in raising many of the children in the Prospect Bay community. Jessica battled brain cancer for 9 years, and when she was unable to work at the Prospect Bay Children's Centre due to her illness, she continued to visit the children at the center, showcasing her devotion to her job.

Additionally, Jessica volunteered with the Elizabeth Frye Society. This role found her helping place women who are released from prison back into society. She also volunteered her time with the local food bank to assist families in securing food and Christmas support. Additionally, she volunteered her time at Bayside Baptist Church helping with fellowship duties and auctions that raised funds for the church.

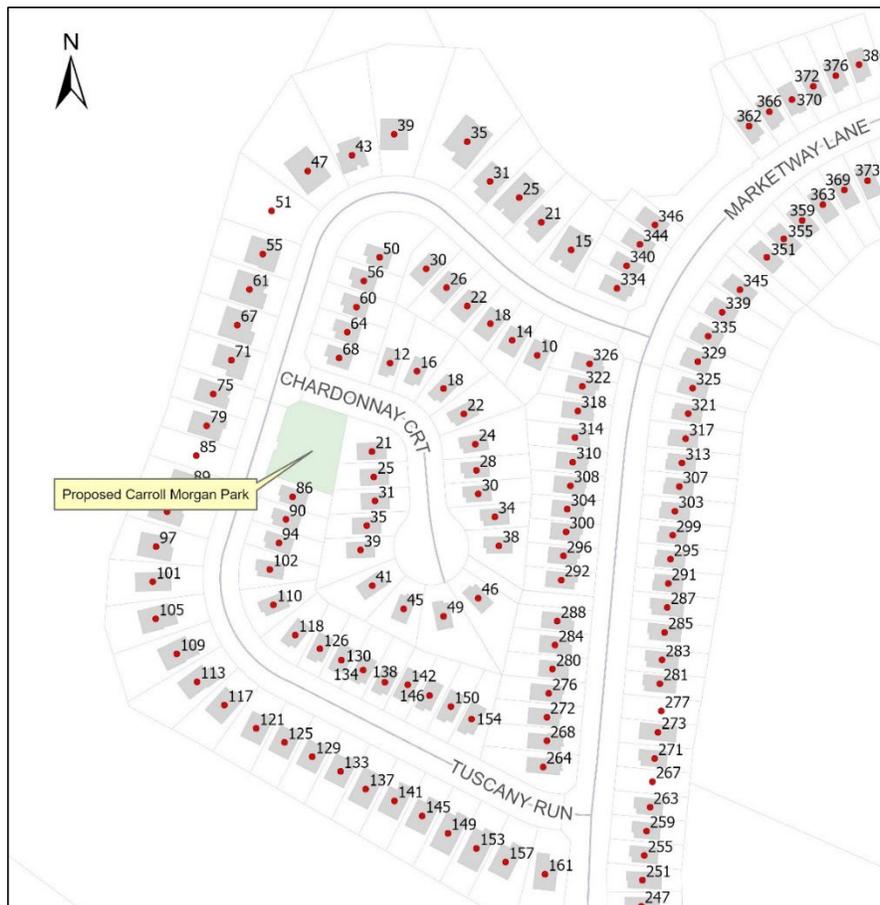
## Attachment B: Naming of Carroll Morgan Park

### Request

Name the new park located on PID 41510843 on Tuscany Run, Timberlea. "Carroll Morgan Park".

### Approval of Commemorative Name

Carroll Morgan's name was approved by Regional Council to be added to the commemorative names list on July 16, 2019. Details on this application may be found in report [AN106: HRM Asset Names, October 23, 2018 to April 3, 2019](#).



## **Attachment C: Commemorative Name Applications for Commemorative Names List**

### **1. Wayne Harrett**

#### Request

Future street in Eastern Passage

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

- Individual(s) who have demonstrated excellence, courage or exceptional service to the citizens of the Halifax Regional Municipality, the Province of Nova Scotia and/or Canada
- Individual(s) who have an extraordinary community service record

#### Background (summarized from information provided by applicant)

Wayne Harrett made significant contributions to the Eastern Passage community and Nova Scotia's broadcasting industry. Wayne was a beloved figure who dedicated his life to connecting with people through radio, preserving local history, and supporting his community.

Wayne's dedication to community radio, particularly through Seaside FM, helped preserve and promote local culture, music, and history. His work not only entertained but also educated listeners about the rich heritage of Eastern Passage and surrounding areas. Wayne's commitment to community service extended beyond radio, as he was actively involved in various local initiatives and events.

#### Key achievements and contributions:

- Co-founded Seaside FM 105.9, a non-profit community radio station that has become a vital part of Eastern Passage
- Dedicated over 50 years to the broadcasting industry in Nova Scotia
- Preserved and promoted local history and culture through his radio programs and community involvement
- Mentored many young broadcasters, helping to shape the next generation of radio talent
- Actively participated in and supported numerous community events and initiatives in Eastern Passage
- Received recognition from the Canadian Association of Broadcasters for his long-standing service to the industry
- Known for his extensive knowledge of music, particularly from the 1950s to 1970s, which he shared with listeners
- Played a crucial role in keeping the community informed and connected, especially during challenging times such as hurricanes and the COVID-19 pandemic

## **2. Robert Thomson**

### Request

Future park in Hammonds Plains

### Request to be considered under the following criteria

- Requested name is historically significant to the development of Halifax Regional Municipality, the Province of Nova Scotia and/or Canada
- Individual(s) who have demonstrated excellence, courage or exceptional service to the citizens of the Halifax Regional Municipality, the Province of Nova Scotia and/or Canada

### Background (summarized from information provided by applicant)

Robert Thomson is known as one of the founders of Hammonds Plains. He came to Hammonds Plains in 1811 to establish a village. He bought the original "Lot 9" of the Hammonds Plains grant and settled there. Thomson built a watermill on his property which was used by his children and grandchildren until 1932 when electricity was brought to Hammonds Plains.

Thomson was known for his letter writing. There are various letters in the Nova Scotia Archives penned by Thomson. For instance, in 1837, he wrote to the Lt. General of Nova Scotia outlining his concern for the African Nova Scotian settlers of Upper Hammonds Plains and their state of poverty caused by the failure of the crops the previous year and asking for provincial financial assistance for them.

Thomson was very active in the community in establishing the infrastructure needed for a developing village. He was the Commissioner of Roads, school trustee for the new schools in the area, land assessor, and was instrumental in the building of the Baptist Church in Lower Hammonds Plains, serving as its first clerk.

Many descendants of the Thomson family can be found in the First Baptist Church Cemetery, located across from the original homestead. There are also living descendants of Thomson still residing in Hammonds Plains.

## Attachment D: Administrative Park Names

### Cogswell District Parks

Each of the below parks, being constructed as part of the Cogswell District project, are recommended to be named administratively to reflect the streets on which the parks are located. Each of the below parks may be eligible to be renamed with a commemorative name in the future.

1. Granville Street Park, Halifax
2. Barrington Street Park, Halifax
3. Amalamek Way Park, Halifax
4. Upper Water Street Park, Halifax



*Approximate park locations.*