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**Item No. 14.1.3**  
**Halifax Regional Council**  
**May 8, 2018**

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

Original Signed by 

**SUBMITTED BY:** Jacques Dubé, Chief Administrative Officer

**DATE:** April 24, 2018

**SUBJECT:** AN103: HRM Asset Names, April 19, 2017 – October 17, 2017

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## **ORIGIN**

HRM has received asset naming requests from the period April 19, 2017 to October 17, 2017.

## **LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY**

Administrative Order Number 46, Respecting HRM Asset Naming Policies

## **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that Halifax Regional Council:

1. approve:
  - (a) The addition of the names Grand Chief Gabriel Sylliboy and Port Wallace to the existing Commemorative Names List as shown on Attachment A & B;
  - (b) The renaming of Admirals Cove Park to Admiral Cove Park and Mainland Commons to Mainland Common and to correct typographical errors as shown on Attachment C;
  - (c) The renaming of Pleasant Drive Park to Petpeswick Lake Park, Prince Arthur Junior High School Park to Dartmouth South Academy Park, Terence Bay Road Park to Terence Bay River Park, and the renaming of Village Plaza – Musquodoboit Harbour Fitness Lifestyle Centre to Musquodoboit Harbour Recreation Centre and Library as shown on Attachment D, E, F, and G;
  - (d) The naming of the playfield at 857 Upper Governor Street, North Preston to Arnold D Johnson Playfield as shown on Attachment H and the naming of the trail in the Dartmouth Harbour East Recreation Campus, 30 Spectacle Lake Dr, Dartmouth as shown on Attachment I and Map 1 to the Spectacle Lake Trail; and
  - (e) The administrative park names as shown on Attachment J.

## **BACKGROUND**

HRM's Asset Naming Policy Administrative Order (A.O.46) allows any person or group to apply for a commemorative name for HRM assets, particularly streets, parks or buildings. The A.O. requires the Civic Addressing Coordinator to consult with at least one representative from each asset category, the municipal archivist, and a representative from HRM Cultural Affairs on each application. This group forms the HRM Asset Naming Committee (the Committee). The Committee also consults with the local Councillor(s) for each application. This report outlines the ninth list of recommended names since the adoption of the Asset Naming Policy in 2010.

### **Requests**

The Committee recommends Regional Council approve twelve requests for the period of April 19, 2017 to October 17, 2017 as outlined below:

- a) 2 names to be added to the commemorative names list;
- b) 2 requests to rename parks to correct typographical errors;
- c) 3 requests to rename parks;
- d) 1 request to rename a building;
- e) 1 request to name a field;
- f) 1 request to name a trail and
- g) 2 administrative park names.

## **DISCUSSION**

The Committee recommends that Regional Council approve all twelve requests as outlined below:

### **Commemorative Names List:**

Commemorative names recognize individual persons, groups of people 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 recognize geographical or topographical features of the area. The Asset Naming Committee is recommending approval of two commemorative name applications, Grand Chief Gabriel Sylliboy and Port Wallace.

These names meet the criteria of the HRM Asset Naming Policies. Therefore, the Asset Naming Committee recommends that these applications, as outlined in Attachment A and B be approved and added to the commemorative names list.

### **Park Renaming:**

The Committee recommends renaming Admirals Cove Park to Admiral Cove Park, Bedford and Mainland Commons to Mainland Common, Halifax (Attachment C), to correct typographical errors.

The Committee also recommends the renaming of Pleasant Drive Park to Petpeswick Lake Park (Attachment D), Prince Arthur Junior High School Park to Dartmouth South Academy Park (Attachment E), and Terence Bay Road Park to Terence Bay River Park (Attachment F).

### **Building Renaming:**

The Committee recommends the renaming of Village Plaza – Musquodoboit Harbour Fitness Lifestyle Centre to Musquodoboit Harbour Recreation Centre and Library as shown on Attachment G.

### **Park Feature Naming:**

The Committee recommends naming the playfield at 857 Upper Governor Street, North Preston, as shown in Attachment H, to the Arnold D Johnson Playfield. The Committee recommends naming the trail in the

Dartmouth Harbour East Recreation Campus, as shown in Attachment I and Map 1, to the Spectacle Lake Trail.

**Administrative Park and Park Feature Names:**

Administrative names reflect either the neighborhood, subdivision, street or community name in which a park or park feature is located. Since the previous asset naming report, two administrative names have been submitted. Staff have reviewed the names and recommends that the two names, Friesian Court Park and Sawgrass Drive Park, as outlined in Attachment J, be approved by Regional Council.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are minimal costs associated with the administration of the HRM's Asset Naming Policy. These costs can be accommodated within the existing 2018-2019 operating budget for C420-Planning & Development.

**RISK CONSIDERATION**

There are no significant risks associated with the recommendations contained within this report.

**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

The community engagement process is consistent with the intent of the HRM Community Engagement Strategy. The level of community engagement is ongoing and is achieved through promotion online and the creation of printed marketing material and engaging local interest groups. Any member of the community is welcome to submit applications for commemorative names within HRM.

**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no environmental implications associated with this report.

**ALTERNATIVES**

1. Regional Council could choose to not approve some, or all, of the requested names. This alternative is not recommended as the names meet the Council approved criteria as outlined in HRM Asset Naming Policies.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Map 1: Spectacle Lake Trail, Dartmouth

Attachment A: Grand Chief Gabriel Sylliboy's Application

Attachment B: Port Wallace Application

Attachment C: Admiral Cove Park and Mainland Common

Attachment D: Petpeswick Lake Park, Gaetz Brook

Attachment E: Dartmouth South Academy Park, Dartmouth

Attachment F: Terence Bay River Park, Terence Bay

Attachment G: Musquodoboit Harbour Recreation Centre and Library, Musquodoboit Harbour

Attachment H: Arnold D Johnson Playfield, North Preston

Attachment I: Spectacle Lake Trail, Dartmouth

Attachment J: Administrative Park Names

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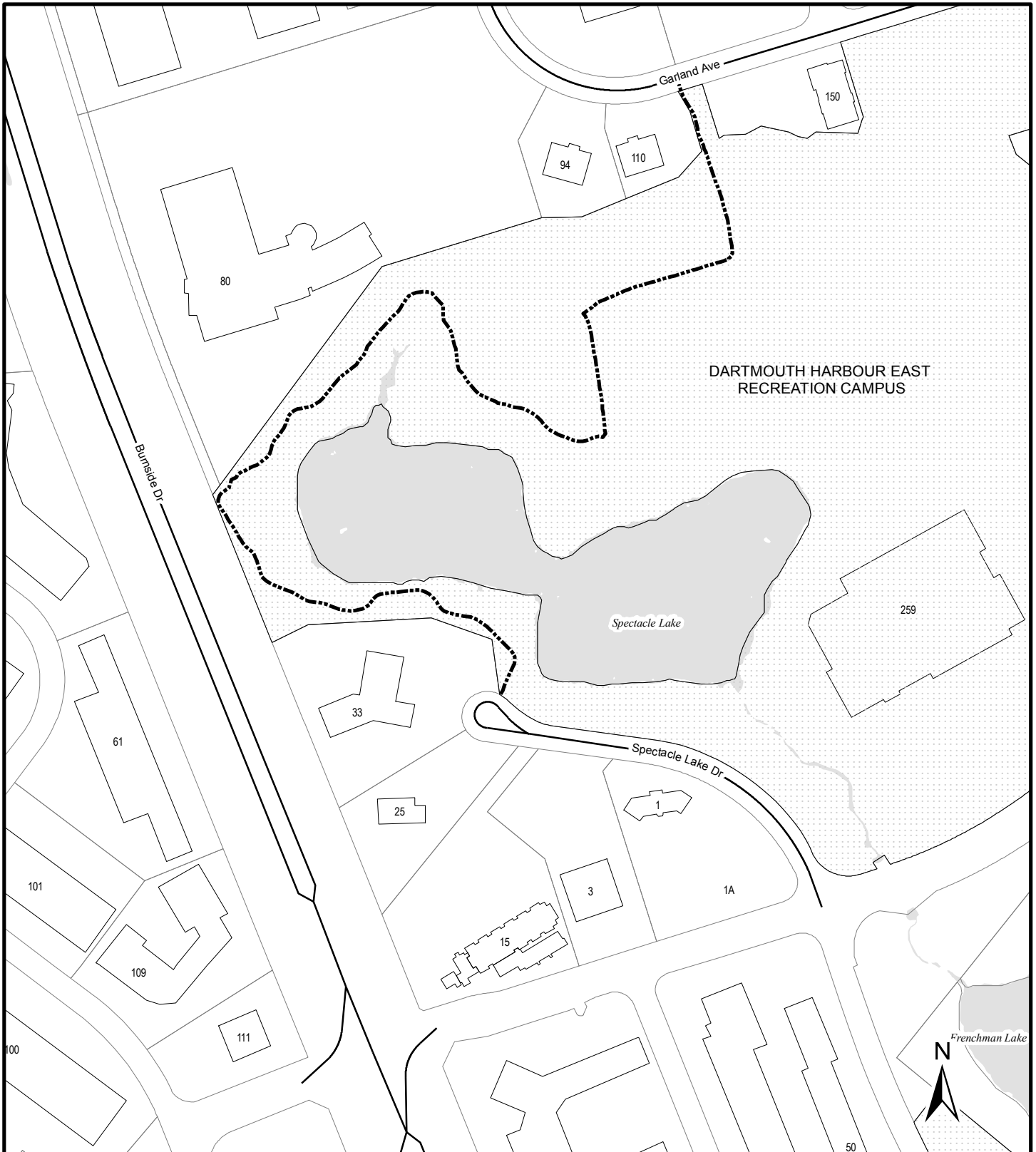
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**Map 1 - Spectacle Lake Trail, Dartmouth**

----- Spectacle Lake Trail

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This map was compiled by the staff of the Civic Addressing Program. HRM Civic Addressing takes responsibility only for civic address information portrayed in the map. HRM does not guarantee the accuracy of any representation on this plan.

## Attachment A – Grand Chief Gabriel Sylliboy’s Application

### Grand Chief Gabriel Sylliboy

#### Request

-Park

#### Geographic Location

-Halifax (Cornwallis Park renaming consideration)

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

- individual(s) who have demonstrated excellence, courage or exceptional service to the citizens of HRM, NS and/or Canada
- individual(s) who have an extraordinary community service record
- requested name reflects the history and or culture of HRM's culturally diverse communities
- request name is historically significant to the development of HRM, NS and/or Canada
- requested name reflects or represents traditions and or tradition bearers

#### Biography (as provided by the applicant)

Gabriel Sylliboy was born August 18, 1874 and died March 4, 1964. He was the first Mi'kmaq elected as Grand Chief (1919) and was the first to fight for treaty recognition – specifically, the Treaty of 1752 – in the Supreme Court of Canada (1929).

In 1929 the Grand Chief was arrested for hunting out of season. He used the treaties as his defence but was subsequently convicted. He stood in front of a court saying that he had these treaty rights. He wasn't even able to read the treaties but he knew from generations and generations that he had these rights. He was the first indigenous person to stand up in court and say he had rights. It was not until the treaties were enshrined in the Canadian Constitution in 1982 that they began to be recognized by the courts. In 1985, based on the 1752 Treaty, the Supreme Court of Canada affirmed James Simon from Nova Scotia had the right to hunt for food anywhere in Mi'kmaq country. Then came a court decision that recognized the Mi'kmaq right to fish for food. Next, the Marshall ruling said the treaties show the Mi'kmaq can earn a living from hunting and fishing as their ancestors did when they traded with the Europeans.

While Sylliboy could not speak, read, or write English, he was adamant his grandchildren be formally educated in English while at the same time remain immersed in the Mi'kmaq culture and language.

On February 16, 2017 Sylliboy was given a posthumous pardon by the province for a nine-decade old hunting conviction. “Grand Chief Sylliboy was a Mi'kmaq leader who acted with courage and integrity in this hunt at a time when aboriginal and treaty rights were not recognized with the full weight we accord them now as part of the Canadian Constitution and recent case law” said Premier Stephen McNeil.

This is only the second time a free pardon and apology has been posthumously granted in Nova Scotia. The first was for Viola Desmond in 2010.

## Attachment B – Port Wallace Application

### Request

-Street

### Geographic Location

-Dartmouth (Port Wallace neighbourhood)

### Request to be considered under the following criteria

- geographic or topographical features

### Background

Port Wallace is an official place name listed with the Province of Nova Scotia, description as follows:

Formerly approved as Port Wallis (Sett.) 3 Dec. 1953 on 11D. Changed to Port Wallace 18 Feb. 1963 on 11D/12. Port Wallace (Sett.) was established in 1861. Named after the Hon. Michael Wallace, member of the Nova Scotia Legislature and President of the Shubenacadie Canal Co. along the banks of which canal the settlement is situated. After the death of Wallace, an Admiral Provost Wallis was stationed at Navy Headquarters in Halifax. After Wallis' death in 1891 the spelling Port Wallis erroneously began to be applied to the settlement in many instances, and finally became the more accepted version. (Letter from M.G. Goudge, 13 February 1963 on 11D/12, Vol. 2.).

## **Attachment C – Admiral Cove Park and Mainland Common**

1. Admiral Cove Park

Request

-Rename Admirals Cove Park

Geographic Location

-Shore Drive, Bedford

Background

The renaming is to correct a typographical error to remove the “s” in the spelling of Admiral Cove Park.

2. Mainland Common

Request

-Rename Mainland Commons

Geographic Location

-Thomas Raddall Drive, Halifax

Background

The renaming is to correct a typographical error to remove the “s” in the spelling of Mainland Common.



## **Attachment D –Petpeswick Lake Park, Gaetz Brook**

### **Request**

-rename park (Pleasant Drive Park)

### **Geographic Location**

- 183 Pleasant Dr, Gaetz Brook

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

- requested name recognizes geographical or topographical features of the area.

### **Background**

Petpeswick Lake is an official lake name listed with the Province of Nova Scotia and the park has frontage on the lake.

There are no duplication issues with this proposed name.

## **Attachment E –Dartmouth South Academy Park, Dartmouth**

### **Request**

-rename park (Prince Arthur Junior High School Park)

### **Geographic Location**

- 111 Prince Arthur Ave, Dartmouth

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

- parks that are associated with a school shall always have the same name as the school

### **Background**

In May of 2015 the Halifax Regional School Board announced that Prince Arthur Junior High School would close at the end of June to make way for the construction of the new Dartmouth South Academy (Grade Primary – Nine) to replace both Prince Arthur and Southdale-North Woodside.

## **Attachment F –Terence Bay River Park**

### **Request**

-rename park (Terence Bay Road Park)

### **Geographic Location**

- 1030 Terence Bay Road, Terence Bay

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

- requested name recognizes geographical or topographical features of the area.

### **Background**

Terence Bay River is an official river name listed with the Province of Nova Scotia and the park has frontage on the river.

There are no duplication issues with this proposed name.

## **Attachment G –Musquodoboit Harbour Recreation Centre and Library**

### Request

-rename building (Village Plaza – Musquodoboit Harbour Fitness Lifestyle Centre)

### Geographic Location

- 7900 Highway 7, Musquodoboit Harbour

### Request to be considered under the following criteria

- requested name recognizes geographical or topographical features of the area.

### Background

Musquodoboit Harbour is the official name of the community where the building is located.

There are no duplication issues with this proposed name.

## Attachment H –Arnold D Johnson Playfield

### Request

-Park Feature (playfield at 857 Upper Governor St, North Preston)

### Geographic Location

- 857 Upper Governor St, North Preston

### Request to be considered under the following criteria

- individual(s) who have demonstrated excellence, courage or exceptional service to the citizens of HRM, NS and/or Canada
- individual(s) who have risked his/her life to save or protect others
- individual(s) who have an extraordinary community service record

### Background (provided by the applicant)

Mr Johnson was born in North Preston on May 21, 1925, and passed away Aug 14, 2008. He was active at Saint Thomas Church in the offices of deacon, Brotherhood president, usher, treasurer, trustee, building project supervisor, cemetery committee chair, and manager of all death records.

Arnold was a veteran of the Second World War where he served as a radio operator and driver with the Canadian Army Field Headquarters in the campaign that liberated The Netherlands. He re-enlisted in the military in 1958 and served with the Black Watch Regiment as a signaler until 1964.

After retiring from the military the second time, he was employed at Farey's Aviation and Halifax Shipyards. He established Preston Electric in the mid 1960s. He was elected to Halifax County Council in 1965, and served as County Councillor for his district for 12 years. As Councillor, he served as a member of the Halifax County School Board, established the District 16 Volunteer Fire Department, established the North Preston Housing Demonstration Fund, established the North Preston Residential Subdivision including the first municipal water and sewage services in North Preston, and established and increased street lighting in the municipal district.

As a volunteer, Arnold was a founding member of:

- North Preston Rate Payers Association (also Chairperson)
- George Washington Carver Credit Union (also vice-president)
- North Preston Day Care Centre
- North Preston Medical Society
- North Preston Recreation Association
- Joint Action Committee (also chair) (this became WADE)
- Black Cultural Society of Nova Scotia
- Cenotaph for the Preston area located in North Preston

In addition, he volunteered countless hours of electrical wiring services to the residents of the North Preston/Preston area.

## **Attachment I –Spectacle Lake Trail**

### Request

-Trail

### Geographic Location

- within Dartmouth Harbour East Recreation Campus

### Request to be considered under the following criteria

- requested name recognizes geographical or topographical features of the area.

### Background

Spectacle Lake is an official lake name listed with the Province of Nova Scotia and the trail follows the lake shore line.

**Attachment J –Administrative Park Names**

1. Friesian Court Park  
-Friesian Court, Halifax (District 16)
2. Sawgrass Drive Park  
-58 Sawgrass Drive, Oakfield (District 1)