
HALDIMAND COUNTY

Report PED-COM-16-2018 Naming Corporate Assets

For Consideration by Council in Committee on August 28, 2018



OBJECTIVE:

To obtain Council approval for the naming of five (5) corporate assets relating to new trails/walking track.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. THAT Report PED-COM-16-2018 Naming Corporate Assets be received;
2. AND THAT the trail from Caledonia to York be named as the “Gypsum Mine Tract”;
3. AND THAT the trail in Cayuga be named as the “Cayuga Grand Vista”;
4. AND THAT the lookouts on the Cayuga Grand Vista be named as “The Honourable Madame Justice Helen Kinnear Lookout” and “The Honourable Dr. Justice T. David Marshall Lookout”;
5. AND THAT the walking track located in the Fisherville Lions Park be named as the “Tracey Hoskin-Hartwick Memorial Track”.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report contains proposed names for a total of five (5) County assets which include; two trails (Cayuga and Caledonia to York); a walking track (Fisherville); and two proposed names for each of the lookouts located on the rail bridge on the Cayuga Bridge Trail.

Nominations for naming of these assets have been received, reviewed and proposed by the Haldimand County Trails Advisory Committee. All proposed names have been vetted through the process of Naming of Corporate Assets Policy (Haldimand County Policy 2010-02), see Attachment 1.

BACKGROUND:

Proposed Trail Names

An advertisement was published in the local newspaper and on the County’s social media sites April 26, 2018 to receive nominations for naming the two trails. The deadline for submissions was May 22, 2018.

A total of twenty one (21) proposed names were reviewed by the Haldimand County Trails Advisory Committee (HCTAC) and following discussion amongst the Committee, an additional two names were suggested by the committee, added to the list, and recommended for approval (Attachment 2).

Proposed Fisherville Walking Track

An application to name the proposed walking track at Fisherville Lions Park has been submitted by the Fisherville Lions Club—the lead proponent in the construction of the new track—along with its partner in the project, the Love be ‘in Me Committee. The groups have requested the walking track be officially identified as the “*Tracey Hoskin-Hartwick Memorial Track*” in recognition of the local resident in whose honour the walking track is being constructed.

ANALYSIS:

The Naming of Corporate Assets Policy (Haldimand County Policy 2010-02) sets out a consistent process and parameters—relating to proposals affecting municipal buildings or properties—to recognize individuals for their contributions to the community. Through the policy, nominations may be made to honour outstanding achievement, distinctive service, historical or civic significance or significant community contribution of an individual or group. This includes leaders in the areas of the recreation, sports, arts, music, culture, heritage or literature.

The Haldimand County Trails Advisory Committee reviewed the nominations and utilized a weighted matrix to score the nomination documentation and relevant background that was provided according to the policy criteria (Attachment 4). The proposed naming of these assets complies with the criteria set out in the policy.

The evaluation scoring of each proposed name was based upon 3 categories:

1. The criteria outlined within the naming policy;
2. Additional documentation associated with the name that was provided in support of the nomination; and
3. Additional relevant background and research which was added to the discussion by the Trails Advisory Committee.

In terms of implementing the policy, the practice for all corporate naming since it was put in place has been that each category has been assigned a weight to determine a final score:

1. Criteria 50%;
2. Additional documentation 30%; and
3. Additional relevant background 20%.

The Trails Advisory Committee reviewed each name with each specific criteria set out in the policy and through discussion came to a consensus as to the eligibility. If eligible, each name was awarded one point per criteria if it was met and no points if it was not. Similarly, discussion and consensus amongst the committee resulted in the scoring of the background information submitted and any additional information provided by members.

Prior to the preparation of this staff report, the additional relevant background that was provided either by the applicant or through the advisory committee knowledge was verified through research and additional research by staff.

As per the Naming of Corporate Assets Policy, an advertisement was published in the local newspaper July 13, 2018 with the proposed names of the trails and lookouts requesting any questions or concerns to be brought forward by August 2, 2018. Four individuals had questions and/or suggestions, and an email and letter were received in support of the naming of the lookouts (Attachment 3).

History and Background on the Proposed Names

Caledonia to York Trail

The Haldimand County Trails Advisory Committee is recommending to officially name the first trail connection running from Caledonia to York (Attachment 5). The name proposed for the trail is “*Gypsum Mine Tract*”. This name is intended to reflect the historical importance of gypsum mining in the geographic area of the trail including under the trail itself which was acquired from Georgia Pacific in 2017. The history of gypsum mining in this area is as follows:

- Cooks Mine in York originated in 1838 and is located on the south side of the Grand River. In 1870 it was worked by W. Donaldson and renamed Mount Healy Mine and later, operated by Crown Gypsum Mine until it closed in 1919. The gypsum from the Cooks Mine was only used locally for land fertiliser.
- A second mine in Mount Healy was opened in 1870 adjacent the Cooks Mine and closed in 1888.
- In 1846, a third mine - the Martindale Mine was established on the south side of the Grand River opposite York. In 1849 this may have been the first calcining mill in the area. The mine and mill operated for over 50 years. The mill burnt in 1910 and the mine closed in 1919.
- In Caledonia a gypsum mine occupying land on both sides of Highway 6 was opened in 1905 by the Alabastine Company of Paris. The mine was 65 feet deep below the surface and gypsum was hauled to the surface in one-ton carts drawn by a horse or donkey using passageways under the current trail. In 1919, manufacturing of gypsum wallboard began by Canada Plaster Board Company which continued until 2016 by the Georgia Pacific Company.
- In 2017, the County acquired the land from Georgia Pacific for the trail development.

The word **Tract** relates to the proximity of the lands to the Nelles Settlement (in the York area) and the Cunningham farm, in the 1790’s. These land holdings were important to the historical development of Haldimand County. Captain Hendrick Nelles was one of several loyalists invited by Joseph Brant to settle on the land bordering the Grand River. Nelles and his family took up land in Seneca Township and by 1828 about 30 families were established on his land. At that time access to the settlement was either by the Grand River using canoe, boat or raft; or by via, a foot path that extended from the Nelles Tract to Grimsby at the mouth of the Forty Mile Creek.

Cayuga Bridge Trail

This trail is located in Cayuga and starts from the Courthouse at 55 Munsee Street over the rail bridge to King George Street, to Maple Road to Highway 3 (Talbot Street) and back to the Courthouse on Munsee Street (Attachment 6). The name proposed for the trail is “*Cayuga Grand Vista*”. With the proposed names for the two lookouts on the bridge as “*The Honourable Madame Justice Helen Kinnear Lookout*” and “*The Honourable Dr. Justice T. David Marshall Lookout*”. The inclusion of the honorific for both jurists was to respond to suggestions made by community feedback.

The Cayuga trail name contains the location of the route (Cayuga), highlights the river itself (Grand) and draws attention to the beautiful views from the two lookouts on the bridge (Vista).

The two lookouts are named for the proximity to the historic courthouse and to recognize two jurists from Cayuga who contributed to Cayuga as a community and to provincial and federal history.

- **Helen Kinnear** – born in Cayuga 1894, the first woman in Niagara Peninsula to practice law, one of the first woman in the British Empire to become a King’s Counsel, and was the first woman to argue a case before the Supreme Court of Ontario and the Supreme Court of Canada. In 1943, Helen was the first federally appointed female judge in Canada. Helen Kinnear was appointed judge for Haldimand County and was the founding president of the Juvenile and

Family Court Judges Association (1952-1954). In 1993, Canada Post issued a stamp in her honour. Ms. Kinnear passed away in 1970.

- **Dr. Justice T. David Marshall** – grew up in Dunnville, started medical practice in 1962 in Cayuga serving Haldimand and Six Nations, while practicing medicine he graduated from law school and was Canada’s first ever practicing doctor and lawyer. Founding director of Canada’s first school for judges “National Judicial Institute”. Appointed to the Ontario Court. A qualified pilot and author of seven books. Active in the medical company of the Canadian Armed Forces and provided his Cayuga property for field practice. Six Nations made him an honorary Chief in 1982. Dr. Justice passed away in 2009.

Family members of the individuals proposed have been contacted and support the naming. Both families will be invited to the official opening in the spring 2019.

As part of the staff research and in response to community feedback, the Regional Senior Justice – Superior Court of Justice, Central South Region was notified and asked to provide the proper titles for both the individuals being named. The appropriate titles are reflected in the proposed names.

Fisherville Walking Track

The new walking track project, which was recently approved by Haldimand County Council through report PED-COM-13-2018 (see Attachment 7 for the location). The project was presented through the County’s Community Partnership Program (CPP) by the Fisherville Lions Club and the Love be ‘in Me Committee. The two groups came together to develop the accessible walking track throughout Fisherville Lions Park in honour of a local Fisherville resident who passed away tragically while running along the side of the road. Following the passing of Tracey Hoskin-Hartwick in 2017, her friends, family and the Fisherville community came together to develop an annual run in her name—to continue to honour her passion for the sport—as well as a community project. The intent of the new track is to provide a safe and welcoming area for runners and walkers of all abilities. The Lions Club and Love be ‘in Me Committee have requested the track/trail be officially named the Tracey Hoskin-Hartwick Memorial Track as a permanent reminder of her passion for sports and wellness, as well as to the vibrancy of her community.

As per the Naming of Corporate Assets Policy, an advertisement was published in the local newspaper with the proposed walking track name August 8, 2018 with a deadline of August 24, 2018 for any concerns to be brought forward relating to the proposed names. Posting on other County media was August 1, 2018. As of the report deadline date, ten comments were received in support of the naming (Attachment 3).

This application was scored utilizing the weighted matrix, additional documents and relevant background scored 57 points out of a possible total of 65.

FINANCIAL/LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:

All trail signage has been included within each trails capital budget and will be erected as part of the construction process. Staff will work with the applicant of the new Fisherville walking track to determine the type of sign and location. This sign is included in the project budget.

STAKEHOLDER IMPACTS:

Facilities and Parks Operations and Roads have reviewed all signage content and locations for trails. The walking track request was reviewed by the Facilities and Parks Operations Division.

REPORT IMPACTS:

Agreement: No

By-law: No

Budget Amendment: No

Policy: No

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Naming or Corporate Assets Policy.
2. List of nominated names.
3. Feedback submissions.
4. Weighted Matrix.
5. Caledonia to York Trail map.
6. Cayuga Bridge Trail and Lookouts map.
7. Fisherville Lions Park map.