



***TOWN OF AURORA
ADDITIONAL ITEMS
FOR COUNCIL MEETING***

***Tuesday, April 22, 2014
7 p.m.
Council Chambers***

- **Item 3 – Memorandum from Mayor Dawe
Re: Queen’s Diamond Jubilee Park Signage**

RECOMMENDED:

THAT the memorandum regarding Queen’s Diamond Jubilee Park Signage be received; and

THAT Council provide direction on the names of the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal recipients that are to appear on the Queen’s Diamond Jubilee Park Signage.

MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 22, 2014
TO: Members of Council
RE: **Queen's Diamond Jubilee Park Signage**

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council provide direction on the names of the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee medal recipients that are to appear on the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Park Signage

BACKGROUND

On Thursday April 30, 2013 Council considered PR13-017 and adopted the following motion:

THAT report PR13-017 be received; and

THAT the name of the park be changed to "Queen's Diamond Jubilee Park"; and

THAT Civic Square Park be renamed as "Queen's Diamond Jubilee Park"; and

THAT staff notify all Aurora Recipients of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal of the proposed addition of their name to the Park signage.

The Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal was created in 2012 as a way to honour the 60th anniversary of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's accession to the Throne as Queen of Canada. The medal program was administered by the Chancellery of Honours, Office of the Governor General of Canada and a listing of medal recipients, by municipality, is currently available on their website. There are 59 medal recipients listed for the Town of Aurora.

In keeping with Council direction "THAT staff notify all Aurora Recipients of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal of the proposed addition of their name to the Park signage", Parks and Recreation staff requested assistance from the office of the Mayor in notifying medal recipients for the Town of Aurora. My office contacted staff in the office of the Chancellery of Honours for assistance but was advised that personal contact information for each of the medal recipients could not be shared for privacy reasons. They instead offered to mail the notification letters prepared by the Town of Aurora to each of the medal recipients. The letters would be mailed to the addresses provided on the application form during the nomination process.

Of the 59 letters mailed, 1 recipient has requested their name not appear on the sign. A number of letters were returned by Canada Post as the individuals were unknown. Parks and Recreation staff have been working to contact those people, including seeking the assistance of the Royal Canadian Legion, to obtain further information and also cross referenced those names against available public records. To date they have been unsuccessful in contacting all of the recipients.

Staff in Parks and Recreation are now requesting that Council provide direction on whether or not the names of medal recipients who could not be notified should be included on the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Park Signage.