



The Corporation of the City of Sault Ste. Marie  
Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee  
Agenda

Tuesday, February 4, 2025

4:30 pm - 5:30 pm

Video Conference

Meetings may be viewed live on the City's Youtube channel  
<https://www.youtube.com/user/SaultSteMarieOntario>

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Pages

1. **Land Acknowledgement**

I acknowledge, with respect, that we are in Robinson-Huron Treaty territory, that the land on which we are gathered is the traditional territory of the Anishinaabe and known as Bawating. Bawating is the home of Garden River First Nation, Batchewana First Nation, the Historic Sault Ste. Marie Metis Council.

2. **Adoption of Minutes**

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Mover \_\_\_\_\_

Seconded \_\_\_\_\_

Resolved that Minutes of Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee meeting of November 5, 2025 be approved.

3. **Declaration of Pecuniary Interest**

4. **Adoption of Agenda**

Mover \_\_\_\_\_

Seconded \_\_\_\_\_

Resolved that the Agenda for Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee meeting for February 4, 2025 as presented be approved.

5. **Business Arising**

5.1 **Park Development Updates**

**6. Sub-committee / Task Force Updates**

**6.1 S.T.A.C.**

**7. New Business**

**7.1 Renaming of Rosedale Park**

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Rosedale Park was named for it's location next to Rosedale School.  
Additional research was done and it is believed the school was named after  
Rosedale subdivision.

**8. Correspondence**

**9. Next Meeting**

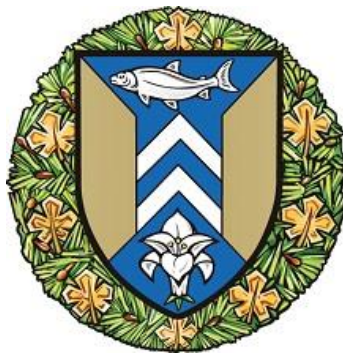
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**10. Adjournment**

Mover \_\_\_\_\_

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Resolved that this Committee now adjourn.



**The Corporation of the City of Sault Ste. Marie**  
**Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee**  
**Minutes**

Tuesday, November 5, 2024

4:30 pm

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Present: D. Greenwood, J. Flood, M. Kontulainen, T. McClelland, P.  
McDonald, B. Tomas, G. Young  
Absent: M. Scott  
Officials: J. Pihelgas, V. McLeod, N. Maione, B. Lamming

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**2. Adoption of Minutes**

Moved by: P. McDonald

Seconded by: J. Flood

Resolved that Minutes of Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee meeting of October 1, 2024 be approved.

**Carried**

**4. Adoption of Agenda**

Moved by: J. Flood

Seconded by: G. Young

Resolved that the Agenda for Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee meeting for November 5, 2024 as presented be approved.

**Carried**

## **5. Business Arising**

### **5.1 Active Transportation Master Plan**

A presentation was given by Jonathon Kircal from the City of Sault Ste Marie's planning department.

### **5.2 Park Development Updates**

Parkland and Westwood Parks are being wrapped up. Rubber surfacing has been poured and wood fiber will be installed. Paved pathways are being laid down going into the play areas. All the equipment has been installed with grand openings in the spring.

The sensory playground area discussed at the recent open house with the Accessibility Advisory Committee and consultation will be done in the new year with local schools.

## **6. Sub-committee / Task Force Updates**

### **6.1 S.T.A.C.**

No updates

## **7. New Business**

### **7.1 Upcoming Events**

Tree Lighting event at Downtown Plaza on November 14th as well as additional programming during Wednesday evening holiday markets at the plaza.

Free PD Day drop in on November 8th at the Northern Community Centre indoor turf facility.

### **7.2 PRAC Applications for 2025-26**

PRAC applications to come out in November. A new committee will be selected for 2025/26.

## **10. Adjournment**

Moved by: J. Flood

Seconded by: P. McDonald

Resolved that this Committee now adjourn.

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Chair



**Subject:** Naming or Re-naming of Parks and Sports Complexes or Facilities within City-Owned and Operated Parks and Sports Complexes

**Service Area:** Public Works & Transportation - Parks

**Source:** Assistant Manager, Recreation and Culture

**Date:** 2017 11 17

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**Purpose:**

This policy establishes the process and criteria to be used in naming or re-naming parks and sport complexes or facilities within parks and sports complexes.

**Authority:**

City Council has delegated authority to the Community Services Department and the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee to accept submissions and recommend acceptance of requests.

**Eligibility:**

Submissions must acknowledge a contribution of significance to the community of Sault Ste. Marie by an individual or group.

1. The proposed name, if possible, should have a direct relationship to the particular park or facility.
2. Names should not duplicate identification elsewhere or create confusion for the public.
3. Names of living persons may be used but prior consent of the recognized person is required whenever possible.
4. Names of deceased persons may be used but consent of the family is required whenever possible.
5. The naming of a municipal park or facility should not be permitted in honour of an elected official if the official is currently in office.
6. Corporate names should not be accepted unless a significant financial or other contribution has been made to the City.
7. Naming of facilities after donors shall be permitted as approved by members of Council.

Applications will be accepted from the general public and/or community groups or representatives. Each application will be considered on individual merit.



**Procedure:**

An individual or group wishing to submit a request must provide a written proposal to the Manager Recreation and Culture, which contains the following minimum information:

- Name of applicant
- Identification of the facility to be named
- Proposed name
- Background information which details the accomplishments and/or reasons to support the naming or re-naming
- A minimum of 3 letters of endorsement supporting the application

Such requests will be forwarded to a committee comprised of Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee Members and City staff.

If a facility is situated on land donated to the City, the original donor or family will be advised when possible.

If a submission is received for the re-naming of an existing park or facility, a historical review of the current name will be conducted prior to recommending approval.

**Approval:**

Proposals will be recommended to City Council for final approval or declination.

**Presentation:**

City staff will co-ordinate the public presentation of signage to acknowledge the naming or renaming of a site. Costs associated with the naming or renaming of a park or facility will be the responsibility of the applicant and/or municipality dependent on the circumstance. The City will have final approval for the selection of signage.

The addition of flowers, plant materials and/or ornaments near signage is prohibited.

The responsibility of ongoing maintenance for signage will be determined through agreement between the applicant and the City.





January 20, 2025

**The Corporation of the City of Sault Ste. Marie**  
**Attention: Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee**  
99 Foster Drive  
Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario  
P6A 5X6

To Park and Recreation Advisory Committee:

Please accept this formal submission to change the name of Rosedale Park to Kiwanis Park, submitted jointly by the Kiwanis Club of Lakeshore Foundation, the Kiwanis Club of Lakeshore, the Kiwanis Club of Sault Ste. Marie, and the Kiwanis Club of North Eastern Ontario.

Background information and accomplishments:

Through a community analysis in 2021, the Kiwanis Club of Lakeshore and its Foundation decided to revitalize Rosedale Park, which was next on the list of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan Update 2020-2025 to revitalize neighborhood parks.

The Kiwanis Club of Lakeshore through its Foundation originally contributed \$80,000 to the City of Sault Ste. Marie for Rosedale Park Revitalization. Since our first meeting with the City of SSM Parks Department, on January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022, other community partners, and the Kiwanis Club of Sault Ste. Marie, came onboard with additional donations of \$60,000.

It became evident that more funds would be needed to build a comprehensive accessible playground for the neighborhood children and their families. We successfully applied and received a club grant from the Kiwanis International Children's Fund for \$19,406 CAD and the Kiwanis Foundation of Canada for \$10,000. In April 2022, the Kiwanis Clubs started a corporate and individual fundraising campaign that was very successful and an additional \$36,000 was raised and a further contribution of \$75,000 was donated towards the park playground equipment and amenities in August 2022.

In 2023, the Kiwanis Club of Lakeshore Foundation started a second fundraising campaign to cover the cost of the Basketball Court and made a further contribution of \$18,500 toward the park revitalization.



So far, the Kiwanis Clubs in Sault Ste. Marie and various Kiwanis entities have contributed \$184,000 towards Rosedale Park Revitalization.

We are currently considering further investments in high priority city parks to benefit the children of our community for decades. We believe that playing is an essential part of a child's development and critical for the successful growth of both the brain and the body. Playgrounds offer a unique opportunity to support a child's cognitive, emotional, physical and social development.

Our research shows there are over two dozen Kiwanis Parks in Ontario Municipalities where Kiwanis Clubs have made a significant investment in a park, such as Elliot Lake, North Bay, Kitchener, London, and Ridgetown to name a few.

It would be a tremendous honor to acknowledge the impact that Kiwanis Clubs in Sault Ste. Marie have made over many decades to improve the lives of children in Sault Ste. Marie by changing the name to "Kiwanis Park".

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Kiwanis Clubs,

*Serge F. Viau*

Serge F. Viau, Chair  
Kiwanis Parks Revitalization Committee  
Kiwanis Club of Lakeshore Foundation, Treasurer



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January 14, 2024

City of Sault Ste. Marie Parks and Recreation  
99 Foster Drive  
Sault Ste. Marie, ON  
P6A 5X6

On behalf of Kiwanis Lakeshore Foundation, I am writing to support the application to rename the Rosedale Park to Rosedale Kiwanis Park.

As a member of Sault Ste. Marie, I recognize the support to our community that this organization gives in many different ways. From several different fundraisers, to Club events, partnering with Staples and The Salvation Army, to buying books for grade schools for their libraries and donating to the Food Banks.

Thank you in advance for approving this application.

Sincerely,

John Caruso  
Team Automotive



January 16, 2025

The Corporation of the City of Sault Ste. Marie  
Attention: Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee  
99 Foster Drive  
Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario  
P6A 5X6

To whom it may concern,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for the Kiwanis Club of Lakeshore Foundation proposal to rename Rosedale Park to Kiwanis Park. As a local resident, I firmly believe that this change will both honor the contributions of the Kiwanis Club of Lakeshore and enhance the significance of the park as a community space for all.

The Kiwanis Club of Lakeshore Foundation has long been a pillar of service in our community, supporting numerous charitable causes and initiatives that improve the lives of residents, especially youth and families. By renaming the park in honor of the club, we will not only pay tribute to their dedication but also reinforce the values of volunteerism, community spirit, and civic pride that the Kiwanis represent.

As a community, we can recognize and celebrate the extraordinary efforts of the Kiwanis Club of Lakeshore Foundation in a way that is both visible and lasting. The renaming of the park would be a meaningful gesture to ensure their legacy is remembered, while also offering a place for reflection, recreation, and connection for all who visit.

I wholeheartedly support this proposal and encourage the consideration of this renaming as a wonderful way to honor the Kiwanis Club of Lakeshore Foundation's enduring influence on our community.

Sincerely,

Tricia Lesnick

Trust Fund Manager

THRIVE Child Development Centre  
Centre de développement de l'enfant

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January 16, 2025

Parks & Recreation Committee  
City of Sault Ste. Marie  
99 Foster Drive  
Sault Ste. Marie, ON P6A 5XB

Dear Parks & Recreation Committee:

We are writing in support of the Kiwanis Club's application to request a name change from the Rosedale Park to be renamed to "Kiwanis Park".

Not only are we personally aware of all the generous support the Kiwanis service club provides to our community, THRIVE Child Development Centre is also a grateful recipient of the generosity of this club and is proud of the partnership that has been developed. Kiwanis, Sault Ste. Marie offers direct support to our Infant & Child Development Program, by providing a monthly grocery fund that allows our Infant & Child Development consultants to purchase groceries to provide directly to families in need, and to stock our pantry with grocery and household items to have on hand when requests are made, or when a need is known. This fund has helped numerous families in Sault Ste. Marie over the last two years. This is only one small example of the support that is provided to our community by this service club.

Renaming Rosedale Park to Kiwanis Park, would acknowledge and honour the efforts of Kiwanis Sault Ste. Marie and other Kiwanis service clubs in a very meaningful way.

Thank you for your consideration and acceptance of this letter.

Sincerely,



Lisa Henderson, CEO  
THRIVE Child Development Centre



Lanna Coletti, Professional Services Manager  
THRIVE Child Development Centre

January 16, 2025

**The Corporation of the City of Sault Ste. Marie**  
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To whom it may concern,

I fully and enthusiastically support the Kiwanis Club's application for a request to change the name of Rosedale Park to Kiwanis Park.

As a Platinum Corporate Sponsor of the Kiwanis Rosedale Park Revitalization Campaign, I believe in the vision and investments that the Kiwanis Club of Lakeshore, its Foundation, the Kiwanis Club of Sault Ste. Marie, and other Kiwanis Entities have contributed to benefits the children and families of our community for decades to come.

To approve the park's name change to Kiwanis Park would honor and acknowledge the tremendous contributions the Kiwanis Clubs have made in the past and leave a lasting legacy.

Sincerely,



Serge F. Viau  
President/CEO  
Viau Financial group Inc.