

Subject: Naming Opportunities for the late Jane Haist

Recommendation:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receive Report #2022-0163 Naming Opportunities for the late Jane Haist, for information;

AND THAT Council authorize and direct staff to proceed with option _____ in honour of Jane Haist.

Background:

On June 20, 2022 Council passed the below noted resolution directing staff to provide a report to Council outlining opportunities and options to honour the late Jane Haist.

Mover: Mayor Junkin

Seconder: Councillor Olson

WHEREAS the Corporation of the Town of Pelham has enacted a Naming of Corporate Assets Policy (S201-03) to govern the process of naming significant municipal assets such as parks, open spaces, facilities, street and other municipal buildings or properties after groups or individuals who have positively contributed or represented the Town of Pelham;

AND WHEREAS the late Jane Haist, longtime resident of the Town of Pelham, competed on behalf of the Pelham District High School track and field team, around the world, including such places as: Australia, New Zealand, Russia, Israel, Mexico, Ukraine, Sweden, Norway, United States and Great Britain;

AND WHEREAS the late Jain Haist furthered her athletic career and accomplishments by competing in the 1974 Commonwealth Games in New Zealand winning gold medals in Women's Shot Put and Discus, 1975 winning a bronze medal at the Pan America Games in Mexico City, 1977 and 1978 winning the AIAW National Championship in Discus and represented Canada as an Olympian at the 1976 Olympics in Montreal;

AND WHEREAS Council for the Town of Pelham deems it desirable to recognize Jane Haist by naming a community asset after her;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Town of Pelham directed staff to provide a report to Council outlining opportunities and options to honour the late Jane Haist;

AND THAT staff shall report back to Council by July 25, 2022

Analysis:

After the June 20th Council Meeting the Senior Leadership Team met to discuss naming opportunities. From this discussion, staff was of the opinion the most appropriate naming opportunities would relate to health/exercise and fitness.

Staff recommend Council consider naming a park or trail after Jane Haist to honour her athletic achievements. The below provides information for several naming opportunities identified by staff for Council consideration.

Option 1 – Saffron Meadows Phase III Park – East Fonthill

The development known as Saffron Meadows within Fonthill East includes a park which is yet to be constructed and could be named after Jane Haist. Currently the park does not have a name sake. The park is located in the Saffron Meadows Phase III subdivision that is presently being serviced with house construction to commence in this development this later this summer and onwards. The development of this park is anticipated to occur in 2024, pending budget approval.

Saffron Meadows Phase III Park



Option 2 – River Estates Park – East Fonthill

The development known as River Estates Park within Fonthill East also includes a beautiful park which could be named after Jane Haist. The park has recently been developed with new play equipment and functions as a neighbourhood park. Currently the park does not have a formal name.

River Estates Park



Option 3 – East Fonthill Park

This is a park to be developed in the East Fonthill community and is targeted for development in 2023. This park will be a significant community asset given its proximity to the Meridian Community Centre, connection with the walking trail along the watercourse in East Fonthill and the significant development proposed with the Park Place South, North and West subdivisions, River Estates Phase II and Summersides Village subdivision.

East Fonthill Park



Option 4 – Trail in East Fonthill

The walking trail located within the East Fonthill area is a beautiful trail close to a water course. This trail is newly established, but already loved by the community. As the trail continues to mature, it will become more impressive. This trail will connect with the Park Place North subdivision that will also link with the Sobey's Plaza and also connect with the Rice Road multi-purpose trail.

East Fonthill Trail



Option 5 Rice Road Multi-Purpose Trail

The Rice Road Multi-purpose Trail is a pedestrian and cycling trail along the west side of Rice Road from Highway 20 to the south limits of the Saffron Meadows Phase II subdivision. This trail also connects with the East Fonthill trail and the Saffron Meadows/Forest Park trail.

Rice Road Multi-Purpose Trail



Option 6 – Saffron Meadows/Forest Park Trail

The Saffron Meadows/Forest Park trail is a pedestrian trail along the watercourse that traverses through these two subdivisions and links with the Rice Road multi-purpose trail to the east Steve Bauer Trail to the west.

Saffron Meadows/Forest Park Trail



Option 7 – Splash Pad Located at Centennial Park

Council could consider naming the Town's splash pad constructed at Centennial Park after Jane Haist. This splash pad is now operational and is expected to be well used and loved by the community.



Option 8 – Splash Pad Located at Marlene Stewart Streit Park

Council could consider naming the Town's splash pad to be constructed at Marlene Stewart Streit Park after Jane Haist. Staff expect the new splash pad to be well used and loved by the community when opened.

Option 9 – Request of School Board re: Field at E.L. Crossley Secondary School

Staff are aware of a new sports and track and field area constructed at E.L. Crossley Secondary School. The new facility includes a lit turf field and a rubberized track. If Council desires, staff can reach out to the Niagara District School Board and request the school consider naming the new area after Jane Haist. It is important to note, the Town has no control over the naming of this option and that a financial contribution to the school board may be required.

Financial Considerations:

There are no substantial financial considerations for Council to consider. The asset named to honour Jane Haist will require signage. It is estimated an appropriate sign would cost approximately \$5,000.00. This amount can be included in the 2023 Budget.

Alternatives Reviewed:

None. If Council is not satisfied with the options presented staff can consider additional opportunities to honour Jane Haist.

Strategic Plan Relationship: Build Strong Communities and Cultural Assets

Recognizing outstanding members of the community is important. By honoring Pelham residents and their achievements leads to building stronger communities and creates cultural assets with meaning and purpose.

Consultation:

Senior Leadership Team

Other Pertinent Reports/Attachments:

None.

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