



**The Corporation of the  
City of Sault Ste. Marie**

**COUNCIL REPORT**

April 7, 2025

TO: Mayor Matthew Shoemaker and Members of City Council  
AUTHOR: Virginia McLeod, Manager of Recreation and Culture  
DEPARTMENT: Community Development and Enterprise Services  
RE: Renaming of Rosedale Park to Kiwanis Park

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**Purpose**

The purpose of this report is to request Council approval to rename Rosedale Park to Kiwanis Park.

**Background**

Kiwanis Club of Lakeshore approached the City in 2021 to support enhancing the playground equipment at Rosedale Park. The Kiwanis Club of Lakeshore and its Foundation have worked with community partners, prepared grants, and initiated a fundraising campaign to obtain donations totaling \$280,406 to support new playground infrastructure.

On January 24, 2025, Kiwanis Club of Lakeshore Foundation submitted a request to rename Rosedale Park to Kiwanis Park.

The renaming of parks falls under City Policy D-IV-16, “Naming Facilities Within City-Owned and Operated Parks and Sport Complexes” (attached). In this policy, City Council has delegated authority to the Community Services Department and the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee to accept submissions and make recommendations to City Council.

City staff, along with the Chair of the Municipal Heritage Committee and the Executive Director of the Sault Ste. Marie Museum, have researched the history of “Rosedale” and found nothing significant other than that it reflected the name given to that subdivision.

**Analysis**

As outlined in Policy D-IV-16, “Naming Facilities Within City-Owned and Operated Parks and Sport Complexes,” the Kiwanis Club of Lakeshore Foundation submitted a complete written proposal, including letters of endorsement. The application meets the eligibility criteria and is attached for reference.

The application and research completed regarding the history of Rosedale Park were reviewed and discussed at the February 4, 2025, meeting of the Parks and

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Recreation Advisory Committee. At that meeting, the following resolution was passed:

Resolved that the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee recommend to City Council that Rosedale Park be renamed Kiwanis Park.

Kiwanis Club of Lakeshore would like to have the grand opening the week of May 12, 2025.

**Financial Implications**

This is an operational matter. There are no financial implications.

**Strategic Plan / Policy Impact / Climate Impact**

This matter is not specifically identified; however, is linked to the Corporate Strategic Plan Focus Area 4: Service Delivery – Community Partnerships – Build collaborative relationships to enhance service delivery options.

**Recommendation**

It is therefore recommended that Council take the following action:

Resolved that the report of the Manager of Recreation and Culture dated April 7, 2025 concerning the Renaming of Rosedale Park to Kiwanis Park be approved.

Respectfully submitted,

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