

Request for Decision

Naming of Bell Park Gazebo Concert Series

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Recommendation

WHEREAS the Bell Park Gazebo Concert Series program has provided citizens with summer outdoor concerts on the shores of beautiful Ramsey Lake for 19 years free of charge;

AND WHEREAS Mr. Peter Schneider, a prominent Sudbury musician and educator who passed away in September 2014 was responsible for introducing and organizing the Bell Park Gazebo Concert Series program for 16 years;

AND WHEREAS a naming request has been received to name the Bell Park Gazebo Concert Series program after Mr. Peter Schneider;

AND WHEREAS there are no current policies/by-laws governing the naming of a program on behalf of an individual;

AND WHEREAS the naming of a program does not fall under the Corporate Sponsorship policy, the Parks Services Memorial Donation program, or the Building, Property and Park Naming policy;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Greater Sudbury approves the naming of the Bell Park Gazebo Concert Series program after Mr. Peter Schneider.

Finance Implications

No financial implications at this time.

Health Impact Assessment

The existing program has been reviewed and the proposed changes will not impact the existing service levels due to the fact that the request is being made to name a program and there is no current policy in place that would be impacted.

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Background

Mr. Peter Schneider began his career as a teacher at various area schools, becoming superintendent while earning his music certification in Toronto during the summer. He taught for 33 years before retiring. Peter had also been a dedicated volunteer to the Sudbury arts and culture scene, providing a wide variety of musical enjoyment to residents for most of his adult life. He is best known for originating and organizing the Bell Park Gazebo Concert series during the first 16 years of its existence. Peter dedicated countless hours, securing sponsorships for the series, recruiting musicians, setting the series line up and emceeing each Sunday evening concert. This concert series has entertained thousands of Greater Sudbury residents over the past 19 years with free Sunday evening performances in a natural setting right in the heart of our city. The series continues to provide a venue for aspiring musicians to showcase their talents.

Peter also served on the original Board of Directors for the Parkside Centre and is one of the original founders of the Sudbury Blueberry Festival. His involvement in groups such as the Schneider Stringtet, the Swing Fever Big Band and the South End Dixie Stompers are only a few of the groups who benefitted from Peter's musical talents.

In 2012, Peter received the Northeastern Ontario Recreation Association Volunteer Award of Distinction for his many years of service to Greater Sudbury. This year, Peter also received the Joan Mantle Music Trust Community Award (posthumous). Peter Schneider leaves a lasting legacy for music and music education throughout our community.

Mr. Peter Schneider, a prominent Sudbury musician and educator, who played in orchestras, big bands and country and western groups, passed away in September of 2014.

A request has been received to name the Bell Park Gazebo Concert Series program after Mr. Peter Schneider.

CONCLUSION

There are no current policies/by-laws governing the naming of a program on behalf of an individual. In addition, the naming of a program is outside of the current Corporate Sponsorship policy, the Parks Services Memorial Donation program, and the Building, Property and Parks Naming policy. A resolution has been prepared requesting approval regarding the naming of the Bell Park Gazebo Concert Series program after Mr. Peter Schneider.