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Share your feedback on naming the Arboretum in honour of Wyman Jacques

(Barrie, ON) The City would like public feedback on the proposed naming of the Arboretum at Sunnidale Park in honour of Wyman Jacques, who passed away in August 2016.

Wyman dedicated a significant amount of time and energy throughout his life to improving the community, with a focus on the Barrie Arboretum. He was a member of the Horticultural Society at the Arboretum's inception in 1974. Over the years, he tended the gardens and trees in the 12-acre Arboretum six days a week and assisted families who wished to dedicate a memorial to a loved one by helping them select a tree, having a plaque engraved, digging the hole, and then continuing to water and care for the sapling for years. In 1984, Wyman became the Chairman of Barrie's Arboretum.

Wyman's passion for the community extended beyond the Arboretum. Over many years, he volunteered with numerous organizations such as the Bruce Trail Club, Brereton Field Naturalist Club, Barrie Humane Society, Nottawasaga Conservation Club, Central United Church, Barrie Horticultural Society, Citizens on Patrol Program, and the Canadian Red Cross (where he donated over 160 whole units of blood).

He received many awards acknowledging his work, including the Ontario Horticultural Society *Silver Fir Award*, Barrie Horticultural Society *Lifetime Membership Award* and *Diploma of Service Award*, Barrie Chamber of Commerce Award, the Royal Canadian Legion *Citizen of the Year Award* and the Rotary International *Paul Harris Fellow*.

The Municipal Naming Working Group met on September 26, 2016 and recommended that public consultation be undertaken with respect to this proposed naming. To provide your feedback, please:

- complete the Sunnidale Park Arboretum Naming survey in 'Public Feedback' on www.barrie.ca/MyBarrie
- email feedback to cityclerks@barrie.ca
- contact Legislative and Court Services at (705) 739-4204
- complete a written survey at Legislative and Court Services, 70 Collier Street, Barrie

The deadline for comments is Friday, January 27, 2017 by 4:30 p.m. A staff report will be presented to General Committee in the winter of 2017 with the public consultation results and recommendation(s) for consideration. For more information on dedication of Municipal Assets, please view the Municipal Naming Policy available at www.barrie.ca/parks.

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