

June 4, 2021

Secretary, Standing Policy Committee on Planning, Development and Community Services

Dear Secretary:

**Re: Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee — Gayle Nemeth - Optimist Park
Heritage Designation [File No. CK 610-11]**

The Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee, at its meeting held on June 2, 2021, heard from the Advisory Committee's Policy and Planning Subcommittee and resolved:

That a letter be forwarded to the Standing Policy Community of Planning, Development and Community Services providing the Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee feedback on the submitted letter and recommend that the Optimist Park reviewed for heritage elements and designated for heritage.

During discussion, the Committee conversed how Optimist Park has both tangible and intangible heritage characteristics as a space that makes it worthy of consideration for municipal heritage designation. As discussed in Committee, it was developed as a park with the understanding that it would provide an important community green space in the area. The park, through time, held various amenities that evolved to the community's needs. The committee noted that while specific physical heritage elements are limited, the overall space as a park from its inception, carries an important piece of our City's heritage and is worthy of designation.

The Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee respectfully requests that the recommendation be considered.

Yours truly,

**Lenore Swystun, Chair**
Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee

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cc: General Manager, Community Services Department
Director, Planning and Development, Community Services Department