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## Application for Commemorative Naming of Springhurst Park - Request for OOECA Concurrence

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To Whom It May Concern

I am respectfully seeking The Old Ottawa East Community Association (OOECA) Concurrence with an Application which I must file by July 2 for the Commemorative Naming of Springhurst Park as Barbara McInnes Park.

I have attached a bio of Barbara McInnes with an introduction which summarizes Barb's contribution to the City and her dedication to community service as a rationale for this naming.

### A Chronology of Events

**2019** The initiative for the new name was started by Stéphanie Plante when she was a resident and Action Sandy Hill member, who had noticed a lack of places in Ottawa named for women and wanted to bring recognition to historically significant women, one park at a time. Stéphanie had Annie Pootoogook Park renamed and began the application process for renaming Springhurst Park to Barbara McInnes Park in 2019.

Barbara passed away on **July 1, 2021**.

In **May, 2022** Stéphanie reached out to my daughter Leah seeking our family's concurrence to rename Springhurst Park to Barbara McInnes Park. Stéphanie suggested Springhurst Park because:

- 1) It's surrounded by everything: the River, low income housing on Lees, students (St. Paul and uOttawa), it has soccer fields, children's play equipment etc
- 2) It's named after ..the street. Changing the name means the word 'Springhurst' still stays in the City's toponymy.
- 3) It's close to downtown but a nice downtown getaway. There is parking but not too much.
- 4) Public transit stops at 2 spots to access the eventual Barbara McInnes Park.
- 5) It's in Capital Ward which has the Ottawa Community Foundation (OCF) AND a lot of the organizations supported by OCF.

We concurred.

On **July 14, 2022** Stéphanie reached out again to let us know “Letters of Support are slowly coming in for our application to name 160 Lees after your mother. I don't normally share the "sausage making" with the families but I thought you would love to read this (A lovely letter of support from the Executive Director of OrKidstra). I know the anniversary of her passing was two weeks ago so I hope this brings a smile to your face. Stéphanie”

Stéphanie Plante was elected Councillor of Rideau Vanier in **November 2022**.

In **May 2023** Stéphanie apprised me that while the Ward she represented, Rideau Vanier was very close to Springhurst Park, Springhurst Park is in Shawn Menard's Ward 17 Capital, and not Stéphanie's Ward 12 Rideau-Vanier, and that she was concerned that a City zoning bylaw amendment was being considered to permit a 360-spot parking lot in Springhurst Park.

We are in gratitude for Stéphanie Plante's work to recognize significant Ottawa women.

In **May 2025** the City Recreation, Cultural, and Facility Services Department informed me that on **January 8, 2025** it was resolved that Springhurst Park's greenspace would be preserved by a revised parking lot plan outside of Springhurst Park, and we are now completing the Application forms and procedures Stéphanie began.

### **Our Request For OOECA Concurrence**

I want to provide you with the information you require to give proper consideration to our request for OOECA Concurrence.

The attached bio of Barbara McInnes is 3 pages.

I understand the City has 4 letters of support from Stéphanie's advocacy in 2022.

A book about Barb and her philanthropy career will be published on September 15th, 2025. 36 people whose lives she touched during her career in philanthropy have stories in the book. The contributors are listed at <https://barbaraslegacy.ca/about-the-book/>

I will ask half a dozen of those contributors for letters of support for this Commemorative Naming Application, including:

Alex Munter, Former Ottawa City Councilor, Board of Directors, Community Foundation of Ottawa and CEO, Canadian Medical Association.

Elsbeth McKay, Retired Executive Director, Operation Come Home.

Jackie Holzman, Former Mayor, City of Ottawa and Volunteer, Community Foundation of Ottawa.

Michael Maidment, Former City of Ottawa Poverty Reduction Committee and President and CEO, Ottawa Community Foundation.

Wendy Muckle C.M., Co-Founder, Ottawa Inner City Health.

Please let me know if I can provide any more information

Jackie Holzman and I will be available at your meeting on June 10<sup>th</sup>

Thanks

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**Barbara McInnes Bio 2025\_.docx**

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