

Memo



Date: October 7, 2010
File: 6130-00
To: City Manager
From: Ian Wilson, Park Services Manager
Subject: Plaque and tree dedication at Kasugai Park

Recommendation:

THAT Council approve the dedication of a commemorative tree and plaque in Kasugai Garden in recognition of the contributions of Mr. Katsuhiko Kawahara of Kasugai, Japan, as an exception to Council Policy No. 242, "Commemorative Recognitions in City Parks";

AND THAT Council fund the cost of installation of a commemorative plaque from Council Contingency.

Purpose:

Staff were recently contacted by the Mayor's Office to inquire if a tree and plaque could be dedicated to Mr. Katsuhiko Kawahara of Kasugai, Japan.

Background:

For the past twelve years, Mr. Katsuhiko Kawahara and his family have hosted an annual trip by Kelowna's Lady of the Lake, her Princess and a Chaperone, to Kasugai, Japan. The cost of all travel expenses, air fares and other fees has been covered by Mr. Kawahara. This generous contribution has helped to nurture the special bond between the Sister Cities of Kelowna and Kasugai and to promote greater understanding and friendship.

In recognition of this significant contribution, Council is asked to approve the dedication of a commemorative tree and a plaque in Kasugai Garden, dedicated to Mr. Kawahara, as an exception to Council Policy No. 242, "Commemorative Recognitions in City Parks" which does not normally allow the recognition of individuals on a plaque. Staff have already selected a recently planted Japanese *Stewartia* (*Stewartia pseudocamillia*) tree. The cost of a bronze plaque, plus installation, is estimated at \$500. Staff request that the additional cost of the plaque be covered through Council Contingency fund.

Internal Circulation:

Carla Stephens, Community and Media Relations
Mayor's Office

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be the name of the author, Carla Stephens.

Considerations not applicable to this report:

Financial/Budgetary Considerations:

Alternate Recommendation:

Community & Media Relations Comments:

Legal/Statutory Authority:

Legal/Statutory Procedural Requirements:

Personnel Implications:

Existing Policy:


External Agency/Public Comments:

Submitted by:



Ian Wilson, Park Services Manager

Approved for inclusion:



(Joe Creron, Director, Civic Operations)

CC: John Vos, General Manager Community Services