

Memo



Date: November 30, 2010
File: 1840-06
To: City Manager
From: General Manager, Community Services
Subject: Recognition of Victims of Domestic Violence

Recommendation:

THAT Council approve the naming of the multi-use pathway through the Parkinson Recreation Park as "Angel Way" in recognition of victims of domestic violence;

AND THAT Council approves funding in the amount of \$10,000 from the Council Contingency for the construction and installation of two signs as outlined in the report;

AND FURTHER THAT the 2010 Financial Plan be amended to incorporate this project.

Purpose:

This is in response to the Council resolution from the July 26th A.M. Regular meeting to name a public walkway or trail as a symbolic "Angel Street" to cover victims of domestic violence and all victims of violence in the City.

Background:

In late October of 2009 Council received a request through the BC Association of Social Workers to consider naming a street in Kelowna "Angel Street". The request based on decisions by other communities across Canada to name a street in recognition of over 520 missing and murdered aboriginal women in Canada, victims of domestic violence and all victims of violence. Iqaluit, Nunavut was the first community to do so in 2007 and other cities across Canada have participated since then.

The name Angel was inspired from the song, Lovely Irene, written by Inuit alternative rock singer, Lucy Idout. This song is about her friend who was a victim of domestic violence.

Council originally directed staff to consider naming a street but then supported a staff recommendation to name a public walkway or trail. Staff has reviewed various locations for naming and recommend the new multi-use pathway that goes from the new pedestrian overpass over Hwy 97 through the Parkinson Recreation Center Park and then comes out at Rails with Trails near Spall Road. This location has high community visibility by being at the City's recreational facility and by bordering major road arterials.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be a stylized 'K' or similar mark.

A sign is proposed to be located at key nodes of the multi-use pathway, one near the pedestrian overpass, the other near Spall Road. The sign design is based on the new park and public area signs that the City will be using at all new facilities and as aging signs are replaced. It will be 3.3 meters high and 450 mm square. The four sides will be marked as identified. This wooden sign is proposed to have words on all four sides as outlined in the attachment which clearly identifies words from the song as well as the pathway name and the reason for the name. It is anticipated there may be some minor changes to the proposed words on the sign following further input from stakeholders. The cost of the manufacture and installation of the two signs is estimated to be \$10,000.

Staff has looked into funding options and do not have a funding source at this time.

If approved the sign would be manufactured over the course of this winter and then installed early next spring. An appropriate unveiling ceremony would occur at that time.

Internal Circulation: Director of Financial Services; Director of Recreation and Culture; Director of Community and Media Relations; Parks and Public Spaces Manager, Community Planning Manager; Director of Infrastructure Planning; Director of Policy and Planning; Cultural Services Manager

Financial/Budgetary Considerations: Funding is recommended from Council contingency since there is currently no budget for this sign work and no other source has been identified.

External Agency/Public Comments: The proposal was reviewed and supported by the Women's and Community Advisory Committee as well as the Women's Resource Center.

Community & Media Relations Comments: The wording on the sign will be further reviewed with the stakeholders before installation.

Considerations not applicable to this report:

Legal/Statutory Authority:

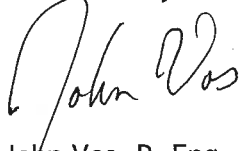
Legal/Statutory Procedural Requirements:

Existing Policy:

Personnel Implications:

Alternate Recommendation:

Submitted by:



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General Manager, Community Services

Attachment

cc: All circulation, Women and Community Advisory Committee

Parkinson Recreation Park
1800 Parkinson Way



Angel Way

In Honor of Victims
of Domestic Violence

Washed
my heart
at the
water's
edge

Washed
it clean
of you

Prayed
to God
leave you
from my
head

Take
these
stains
and
make
me new

LUCIE IDLOUT
from the song
IRENE

Angel Way

In Honor of Victims
of Domestic Violence

Over all size
457.5mm wide by
3353mm tall

Wood sign
457.5mm wide by
2591mm tall

Cement base
457.5mm wide by
762mm tall

Steel base
508mm wide by
762mm tall

All text and
graphics routed
and painted

