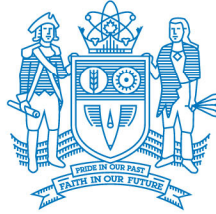


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Motion – September 10th, 2025

Moved by: Councillor Brad Butt
Seconded by: Councillor Stephen Dasko

WHEREAS Mr. Louis (Elias) Velianou was a long-time Mississauga resident, with deep roots and an enduring legacy in the community, who sadly passed away on August 23, 2025;

AND WHEREAS Mr. Velianou was a prominent Mississauga business leader and successful restaurateur for over 50 years, co-founding the iconic restaurant, The Orchard, with Angelo Mazaris in 1966, which established itself as a beloved community hub, where everyone could come together and connect with each other and the owners over a delicious meal;

AND WHEREAS Mr. Velianou was a devoted and dedicated community volunteer, who was deeply committed to local causes, freely and generously giving of his time and resources to support numerous initiatives, such as the Mississauga News Christmas Fund to aid underprivileged families; fundraising for the Credit Valley Hospital through its well-known “Jail and Bail” campaign; and actively volunteering with local chapters of the Civitans, Arthritis Society, and Canadian Cancer Society;

AND WHEREAS Mr. Velianou was a dedicated Hellene and pillar of the Greek community in Mississauga, who was instrumental in helping to establish and organize the community, serving as a member and president of the Greek Canadian Council; advocating for and supporting the Hellenic Home for the Aged; and leading a local nonprofit group that endeavoured to establish a Panhellenic Canadian community centre in Mississauga;

AND WHEREAS in recognition of his exceptional civic contributions and exemplary volunteer service to the community, Mr. Velianou was nominated by former Mayor, the late Hazel McCallion, and awarded the prestigious Ontario Bicentennial Award for Volunteers in 1984;

AND WHEREAS Mr. Velianou’s exceptional community service and significant contributions to our city and the Greek community, which are indicated above, should be duly honoured and recognized;

AND WHEREAS Horseshoe Park, located at 7150 Saint Barbara Blvd., is located in an area of significance to the Greek community in Mississauga, as it is adjacent to the lands where St. Gerasimos and St. Barbara Greek Orthodox Church was located and is being rebuilt after a devastating fire, and where the local streets, such as Saint Barbara Blvd. and Panhellenic Dr., are named in honour and recognition of the local church and Greek community;

AND WHEREAS in 2012, City staff recommended the naming of Horseshoe Park based on the historical connection to Hackney horse breeding at this location by Joseph Tilt;

AND WHEREAS the connection to Hackney horse breeding at this location has been duly recognized and commemorated by the City, with the creation and installation of special interpretive signage onsite;

AND WHEREAS in recognition of Mr. Velianou's exceptional community service and significant contributions to our city and the Greek community, it would be fitting and appropriate to allow for the renaming of Horseshoe Park to Louis Velianou Park;

AND WHEREAS the City's Asset Naming procedure indicates that municipal assets may be named in honor of individuals who have made significant contributions to the community, five years posthumously;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. Staff be directed to proceed with the process outlined in the City's Asset Naming procedure to allow for the renaming of Horseshoe Park to Louis Velianou Park, in honour of the late Mr. Louis (Elias) Velianou;
2. Staff be directed to bring a report to the November 4, 2025, Heritage Advisory Committee Meeting to have the matter be publicly discussed as outlined in the Asset Naming procedure;
3. If any significant objection is received through the public consultation or at the Heritage Advisory Committee, that the matter be held for further review;
4. Council approve an exemption to the City's Asset Naming procedure requirement that municipal assets named in honor of individuals who have made significant contributions to the community must be done so five years posthumously, to allow for the renaming of Horseshoe Park to Louis Velianou Park.

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Brad Butt, Councillor, Ward 11