



North Haven Community Association

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Feb 24, 2022

To Whom It May Concern,

Re: Letter of Support Municipal Naming Program Nomination Marie and Terry Heffernan

It is my pleasure to write a letter of support on behalf of the North Haven Community Association for the City of Calgary Municipal Naming Program of green space NHV814, to be named Heffernan's Park in honour of Marie and Terry Heffernan.

The North Haven Community Association, and the Hall we operate out of, would not be what it is today without the unwavering time and dedication of Marie and Terry. We are confident that they meet and exceed the required criteria and are outstanding citizens of Calgary that deserve recognition through the Municipal Naming Program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jody Breen".

Jody Breen
President,
North Haven Community Association



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Dec 13, 2019

To Whom It May Concern:

Re: Letter of Recommendation for Marie and Terry Heffernan

Marie and Terry moved into the new community of North Haven in 1962, when there were only 4 houses and just dirt roads. They met their neighbours and immediately got involved with the effort of starting a Community Association, erecting a building and later working on a building addition as the need arose.

After having children, Marie joined Girl Guides as a Brownie Leader, then moved up to Guide Leader and also represented the District for Guides for 15 years. Marie started a "Mornings Out" ladies group that was very successful and served to create a real feeling of belonging and camaraderie in the neighbourhood.

In 1987/1988 there was a lack of volunteers on the Community Association Board; Marie once again stepped up, for the position of Secretary, and, as we say in the neighbourhood, the rest is history!

Marie has held pretty much every position on the Board and has been involved on a daily basis in our North Haven community since the late 1980's. She was "Grandma Marie" for almost 30 years for our Community Playschool children and many continue to drop in specifically to say hello at our events, bringing their own children to meet her.

Marie is a link between the generations, serving on the Board with children of former Board members. She brings such a wealth of knowledge to the current Board, she is an invaluable encyclopedia of information about our neighbourhood, the community and the Community Association.

Marie and Terry Heffernan played a huge part in making North Haven the community it is today. While I have already described some of the impact Marie has had, I have not touched on Terry's quiet contributions.

While Marie was volunteering in the public eye on the board and with the youth groups, Terry was working behind the scenes, helping build the hall and the additions, installing and repairing plumbing, maintaining the grounds and generally doing any repair he could help with.

Terry would help create and maintain the rink that was located in the park we wish to name in the early days, before the fancy rink with boards was created at the hall.

Terry never officially held a position but volunteered in the hall pretty much from day one and took care of the grounds for more than 17 years. Marie and Terry attended the very first Community Dance in 1969 and enjoyed many more together after that. Terry passed away a short time ago and is greatly missed.

Currently Marie serves on the North Haven Community Association Board as Hall Manager and Hall Rentals. She supervises the Janitorial staff and ensures everything runs smoothly in the hall and surrounding grounds.

Our hall is known as the "cleanest Community Hall in Calgary", all due to Marie and her exacting standards. Things are cleaned right to the corners (yes, with a toothbrush!), coffee urns are cleaned



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in regular sessions, and maintenance is performed on a strict schedule to ensure things are in the best possible shape. Our grounds are cleaned daily, no litter mars the fields, hedges or the grass she and her husband "adopted" in the Parks' Program years ago, watering and weeding the lawns and flower beds. The program might be over, her husband unable to help, but Marie soldiers on, beautifying the grounds for all to enjoy.

Marie does all this as a volunteer and would take no money for her efforts until we "forced" her to accept an honorarium to recognize some of her efforts. I can think of no other person who dedicates as many hours to their community, hours of her time daily, for the benefit of all.

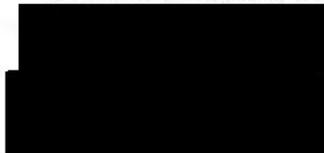
It would be indelicate to discuss Marie's age, but I'm sure you can hazard a guess, based on her community involvement in date. She has the energy and dedication of several much younger people contained in her small frame and will be marked a giant in our legends.

In spite of the loss of her husband, Marie continues to volunteer daily, doing her part to ensure North Haven remains a great place to live. We at North Haven are indebted to Marie Heffernan, and would not know what to do without her, or how to replace her.

Jean Togstad

President, North Haven Community Association

Keith Falkenberg, CPA, CA



December 9, 2019

To Whom It May Concern:

Re: Letter of Recommendation for Marie and Terry Heffernan

I am pleased to write this letter as a testimonial on behalf of Marie and Terry Heffernan and to support the North Haven Community Association's application to the City of Calgary to name a park in their honour.

I have lived in North Haven since 1996 and my late father lived in North Haven from 1975 until his passing in 2007. My wife, Janice [REDACTED] and I raised our two sons in North Haven. My boys were in the Scouting program for many years. I was the Scout Group Commissioner for nine years. I was also Treasurer and President on the North Haven Community Association Board of Directors for over five years. I am also a competitive duplicate bridge player and the North Haven Community Hall was home for many years to several bridge clubs in Calgary.

North Haven is one of the best communities in north Calgary in which to live and raise a family. In no small way, much of the credit for our community goes to Marie and Terry Heffernan. North Haven is a relatively small community but we have had a wealth of activities including Scouts, Guides, Moms and Tots, community adult and family dances, comedy nights, and a great community pre-school program. We have an active spring soccer program for children and the community ice rink is heavily used all winter long. Marie and Terry have been supporters of all these activities through the years, but I was always especially grateful for their work in building, maintaining, improving and operating the community hall.

North Haven has a very high-quality community hall. This is due to in large party to Marie Heffernan's diligent work as the Hall Manager for many years including the 23 years that I have lived in the community. The hall is amazingly clean but also very well run by Marie (with Terry's help for many years). They spent untold amounts of hours, on a volunteer basis, being at the hall, keeping tabs on renters and other user groups, and generally being very helpful in facilitating the operation of the hall. For example, I always remember how helpful Marie and Terry were in facilitating cub scout sleepovers on Friday nights for many years. Also, I worked with Marie while I was on the community association board of directors and was always able to rely on her for prudent operational and financial controls.

I feel privileged to have volunteered and worked with Marie and Terry for so long in our community. They epitomize the volunteer spirit that makes Calgary a great city and North Haven a great community to live in.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Keith Falkenberg".

Keith Falkenberg, CPA, CA
Past President and Treasurer, North Haven Community Association,
Past Group Commissioner, 132nd North Haven Scouts

Duane Anderson CMA, CPA



November 14, 2019

Re: Letter of Recommendation for Terry & Marie Heffernan

Please accept this letter of recommendation for Marie & Terry Heffernan in support of the North Haven Community Association's application to name a park in their honour.

I have known the Heffernan's most of my life, growing up in the community and then returning to the neighborhood as an adult with my family in 1998. We remain avid, active and enthusiastic members of this great community.

Marie and Terry have been in North Haven since the community was created in the early 1960's. They moved to the community in August 1962. As Marie herself has said, "there were only half a dozen houses in the neighborhood when we arrived". From those early days, Marie and Terry committed their time and resources to building and creating a new and vibrant community for themselves, their family and friends. They continued that unwavering support which has lasted over 50 years. Terry and Marie were there to create the original North Haven Hall and have been heavily involved with several renovations, expansions and improvements to the community Hall and property. Marie has been instrumental in the management and operation of the Hall and several of its programs and that involvement continues in her current role as Hall Manager.

It has been my absolute pleasure to get to know and be involved with these two exceptional community builders, volunteers and leaders. Their undeniable commitment to this community from the early days of its establishment to present day is a testament to their passionate, and caring nature and personalities. In my opinion, the fact that the North Haven community continues to be a thriving and vibrant community is a direct result of the hard work, dedication and commitment of people like Terry and Marie. Their tireless volunteer efforts over 5 decades is a testament to the character and personal connection they have with this great community.

I am proud to call Terry and Marie friends and want to express my and my family's full support for the application to name a park after these two amazing individuals. I have witnessed first hand the time and effort they have committed to the success of North Haven.

Respectfully submitted;

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Duane Anderson".

Duane Anderson CMA, CPA
Past Treasurer North Haven Community Association



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2019 November 24

Re: LETTER OF REFERENCE – Marie and Terry Heffernan

To those associated with the purposing of the green space NHV814 to the Heffernan's Park, please find this letter as a gesture of my support.

After hearing of the wonderful, and meaningful, community involvement that the Heffernan family has done over the past many decades, my decision to support North Haven Community Association (NHCA) in this endeavor could not have been easier.

Terry and Marie Heffernan moved to North Haven in the early 1960s where Marie remains an incredible volunteer to this day. As a couple, they ran an 'adopt a park' program in the community for over 15 years and put in countless volunteer hours helping with the upkeep and maintenance of the Community Association building and community rink. Marie, a volunteer with the Brownies since the 1970's, serves as the current hall manager and remains a link between NHCA generations by serving on the same Board, with her children, that her parents once sat.

I believe that the NHCA is right in wanting to recognize the legacy of the Heffernan family and I whole-heartedly support the naming of this green space in their honour. Without the hard work and dedication from great families, such as the Heffernan's, our communities do not reach their full potential.

If you have any questions about my support of this NHCA initiative please contact my office at eaward4@calgary.ca or by phone at (403) 268-3727.

Yours truly,



SEAN CHU
COUNCILLOR, WARD 4

