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DATE: January 22, 2009

TO: Chair and Members of General Committee
Meeting Date: February 4, 2009

FROM: Paul A. Mitcham, P.Eng., MBA
Commissioner of Community Services

SUBJECT: **Re-naming Rhododendron Gardens (Park #156)
40 Godfrey's Lane
(Ward 1)**

RECOMMENDATION: That the General Committee consider the following re-naming request:

- That the Rhododendron Gardens be re-named as the "**Brueckner Rhododendron Gardens**".

BACKGROUND: In accordance with the City's Property and Facility Naming and Dedication Policy, the Community Services Department may consider requests to re-name City-owned property. The process requires residents and ratepayers, within 120 m (400 feet) of the property, to be notified one month prior to the re-naming report going to the General Committee. The public notices were mailed on December 19, 2008.

The subject report outlines the re-naming request for Rhododendron Garden (Park #156) 40 Godfrey's Lane.

COMMENTS: **Ward 1 – Park #156 (Appendix 1)**
A request was received to re-name the Rhododendron Gardens in honour of the late Dr. Joseph B. Brueckner and in recognition of his contribution to the Rhododendron Gardens. Dr. Brueckner was born in Hungary in 1910 and came to New Burnswick, Canada in 1956. Upon his retirement Dr. Brueckner moved to Mississauga and ended his life

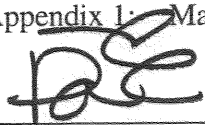
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journey in 1994. Although a medical doctor by profession, he had an abiding interest in horticulture. It was his undying passion for rhododendrons, along with his well developed scientific knowledge and determination which led him to breed special types of rhododendrons that could thrive in the harsh climate of Canada. Dr. Brueckner initiated the vision of creating Rhododendron Gardens in 1983 and approached the City to work in collaboration in the development of the Garden. With his vision for this garden, he donated 3,000 special hybrid rhododendrons and many more azaleas to the City. In addition to his philanthropic nature, he showed keen interest and participated actively in the design and development process of the Garden. By volunteering his time in preservation and creating a place of unique beauty, today, the community enjoys several hybrids of rhododendrons and the Garden has become an example of a visual celebration in all seasons. What we enjoy and see today is the legacy of Dr. Brueckner's passion for rhododendrons.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: Not Applicable.

CONCLUSION: The proposed re-naming is in accordance with the City's Property and Facility Naming Policy. As a part of the re-naming process, residents and ratepayers within 120 m (400 feet) of the property have been notified. At the time of preparation of this report no public comments had been received.

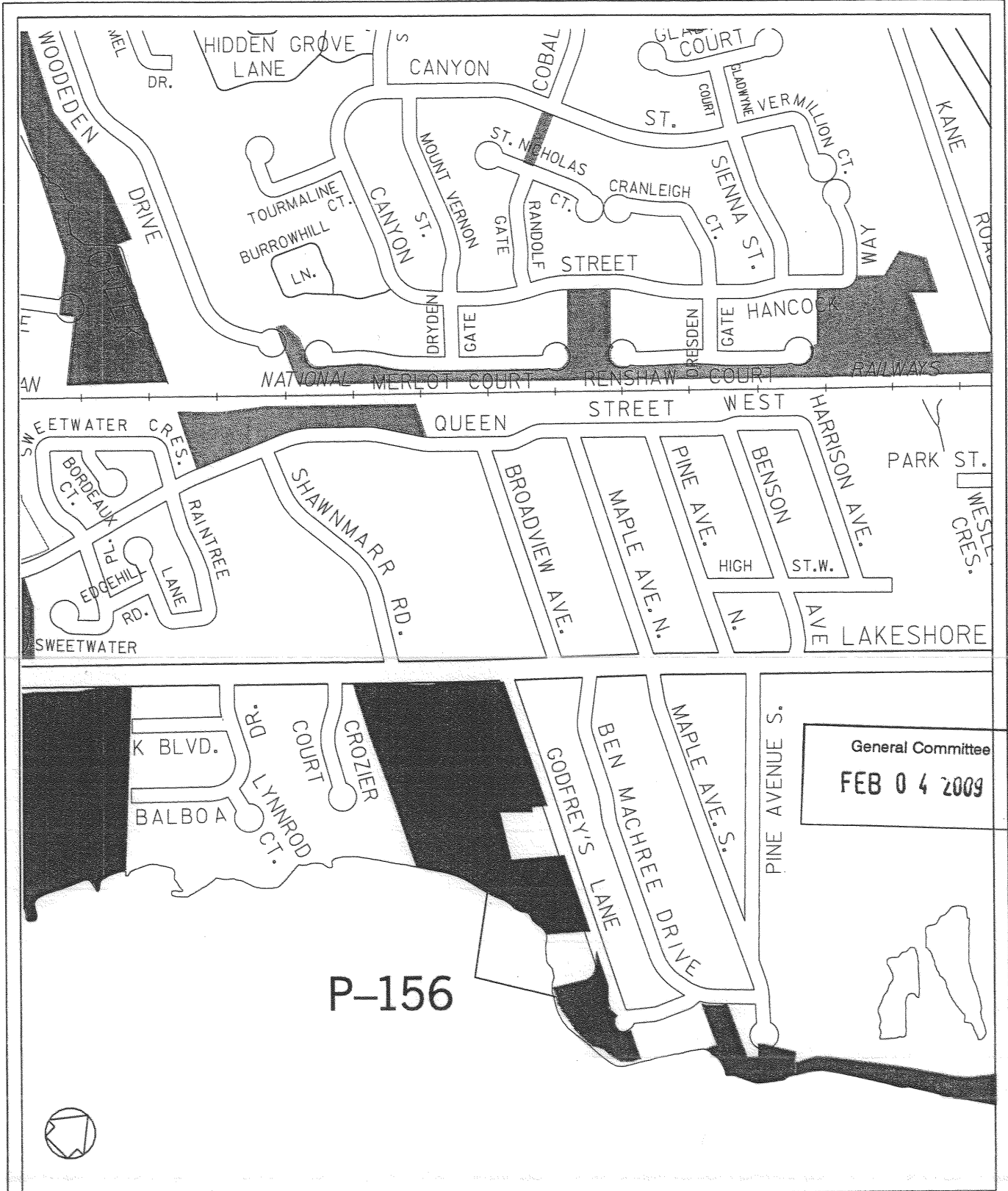
ATTACHMENT: Appendix 1: Map of Rhododendron Gardens



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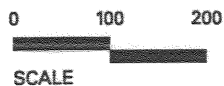
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Appendix 1



Rhododendron Gardens

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