



Alta Vista Community Association launches contest to rename Ottawa's Heron Corridor greenspace

The Parks and Greenspace Committee of the Alta Vista Community Association (AVCA) in the City of Ottawa has launched a contest to rename a 10-hectare section of Ottawa's historic greenspace network.

This renaming competition is an opportunity for Canadians to highlight one aspect of Canada's achievements during the Second World War; by recognizing a battle in which Canadians participated, by marking a significant event, by highlighting a program run by Canadians or a hero of the war.

In 1945, the Government of Prime Minister MacKenzie King asked Jacques Gréber, a French architect specializing in landscape architecture and urban design, to develop a plan for Canada's National Capital district. One of the recommendations, which has had a major impact on the appearance and the quality of life in Canada's Capital, was the creation of a vast 20,350-hectare greenbelt within the urban area.

The Gréber plan envisioned the Capital becoming a *living memorial* to those who fought and died in the Second World War with the greenbelt being a major component of this memorial.

In 1995 a small tract of land was transferred to the City of Ottawa for use as formal parkland and open greenspace. This land was called the Heron Corridor after the nearby Heron road. However, the significance of this portion of the greenbelt was lost with the change in name and the passing of time.

The AVCA Parks and Greenspace Committee, through a naming competition, would like to reinstate the idea of the living memorial and rename and rededicate this small portion of Ottawa's greenbelt to those who participated in the Second World War.

Join us in renaming and remembering.

Competition deadline is 15 October, 2019. The selected name will be announced on 06 November, 2019.

For competition details and additional information visit, www.renameheroncorridor.com