

# Survey Report

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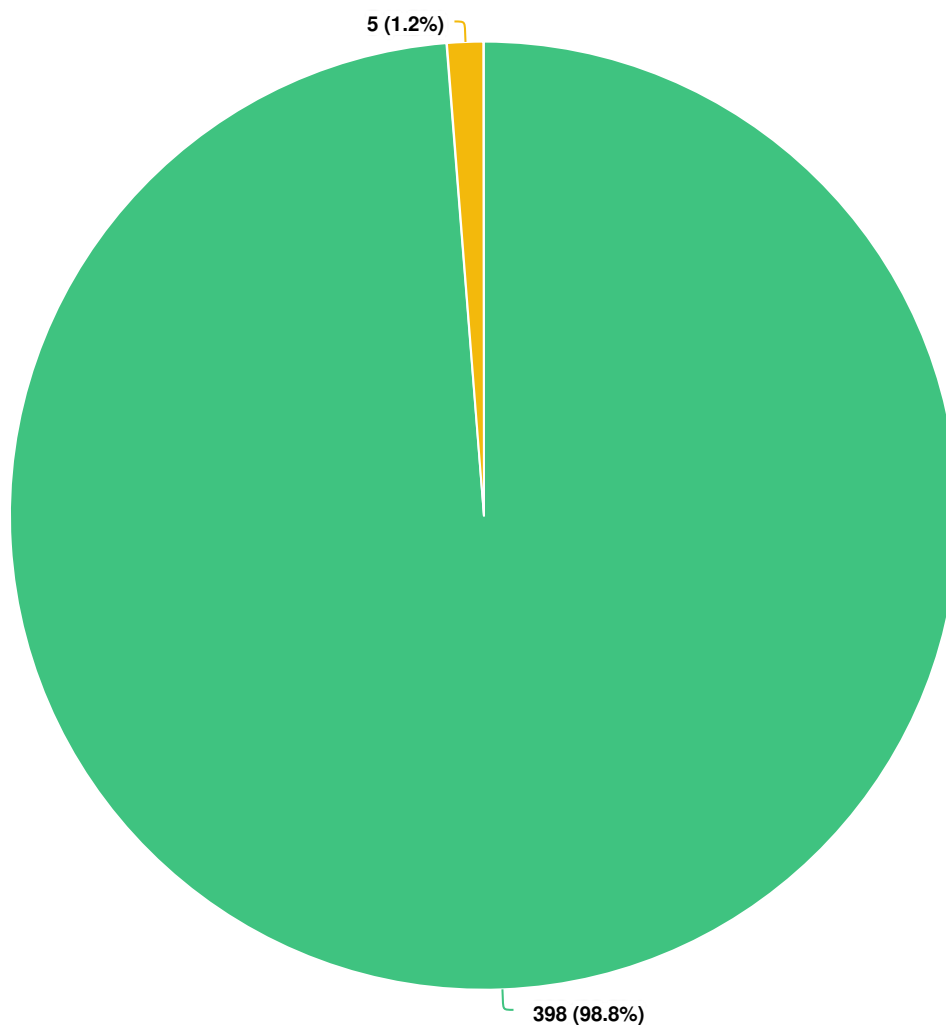
# Park Naming

PROJECT: Park Naming

**Let's Talk Halton Hills**



**Q1** | 1. Do you support the naming of a park in Halton Hills for Henry Thomas Shepherd, M.B.E.?



**Question options**

● Yes ● No

*Optional question (403 responses, 0 skipped)*

## Q2 Why/Why Not (optional)

Anonymous

7/08/2019 10:23 AM

I think this is a fitting tribute to someone important in Georgetown's History.

Anonymous

7/08/2019 10:50 AM

I think it's important to create conversations about the people who lived here. If we have it as Dayfoot Park, we know the reason. If we name it after someone then people will be curious as to why and then they will research that person. We will know and teach our young people about the town they live in and more specifically the wonderful people who impacted this community that lived right in that area.

Anonymous

7/08/2019 11:06 AM

Not important to me. I don't like things named after people.

Anonymous

7/08/2019 11:28 AM

It will provide an opportunity for residents to learn more about a notable Georgetown resident of the past and also provide an opportunity to learn more about the history of the black community in Georgetown (of which I knew little prior to viewing the documents attached to this survey). The benefits of naming the town after Mr. Shepherd, in terms of learning opportunities and civic pride in our history, outweigh the functionality of the standard park name.

Anonymous

7/08/2019 11:29 AM

I think it's a fantastic idea.

Anonymous

7/08/2019 11:56 AM

Having learned some of the history about our house and the connection to Henry Thomas Shepherd I feel that this is a terrific way to honour him and his family who have such strong connections to the immediate area.

Anonymous

7/08/2019 01:08 PM

A life of distinguished service to his family, his community, and his country.

Anonymous

7/08/2019 01:08 PM

He is a big part of our history in Georgetown eg. under ground railroad.

Anonymous

7/08/2019 01:25 PM

Henry Thomas Shepherd was my Great Great Grandfather

Anonymous

7/08/2019 01:33 PM

Great individual that added great recognition for the town. Great honour!

Anonymous

7/08/2019 01:42 PM

He was an important member of Halton Hills and is not well known.

Anonymous

7/08/2019 01:53 PM

Great choice for a man who did so much

Anonymous

7/08/2019 02:11 PM

It will be named after my grandfather.

Anonymous

Yes, naming this park after him honours his and his family's memory and the

7/08/2019 02:16 PM

significance of our community's contribution to the Underground Railroad.

Anonymous

7/08/2019 02:21 PM

I think it's a fantastic idea & honour to name the Park after him.

Anonymous

7/08/2019 02:22 PM

it is a simple, low-cost way to honour someone. And a park with someone's name on it should mean more to a community, than it just reflecting the name of the street it is on. Also, pretty sure I have never heard of any honour bestowed for any other Georgetown citizen of race!!

Anonymous

7/08/2019 02:28 PM

Great way to keep the memory of great ppl alive.

Anonymous

7/08/2019 02:36 PM

It would be a great honour for our family as he was my great uncle. He grew up in the park area so very appropriate.

Anonymous

7/08/2019 02:43 PM

My late grandma [REDACTED] often talked about Mr Shepherd and said there wasn't a finer man alive . I know she would agree & be so pleased to have a park in his name .

Anonymous

7/08/2019 02:52 PM

He was the father of my great aunt and my many cousins. We are such a proud hometown family. They also had a house in the area and so did my grandparents it is where we all grew up.

Anonymous

7/08/2019 02:53 PM

It is wonderful to highlight and honour local people. As well, naming a park for Henry Shepherd may improve learning about the history of African American people in our area. I grew up in Georgetown and returned 15 years ago to raise my own children and have never heard of Henry. I am so happy to learn a little about him now and hope to learn more!

Anonymous

7/08/2019 02:59 PM

An important part of our heritage.

Anonymous

7/08/2019 02:59 PM

As a current 35 yr serving member of the Canadian Armed Forces, The Lorne Scots Peel Dufferin and Halton Regiment. I feel his contributions to community and Country and family, set a standard that all people should aspire to.

Anonymous

7/08/2019 03:01 PM

Because he gave a lot of free devoted time to making the community a better place through this years and life

Anonymous

7/08/2019 03:02 PM

After reading that his family came here through the underground railroad, it is fitting as there are four homes in the area built by other families that came through the railroad.

Anonymous

7/08/2019 03:03 PM

The man gave a lot to his community :)

Anonymous

7/08/2019 03:07 PM

Why not? He was an upstanding citizen who greatly contributes to the betterment of all residents. Anyone who would say no to this is crazy!

Anonymous

7/08/2019 03:12 PM

He is my daughters great grandfather and he also contributed in many ways to the community

Anonymous

7/08/2019 03:32 PM

Because he was incredibly devoted to our community

Anonymous 7/08/2019 03:36 PM	Just the mbe is enough in my opinion. My greatgrandfather has an obe and its quite prestigious.
Anonymous 7/08/2019 03:41 PM	I don't know anything about him or his contribution to Georgetown but based on the little description given, I'm in support of some diversity recognition in this town!
Anonymous 7/08/2019 03:47 PM	He was a very important man for the Town of Georgetown
Anonymous 7/08/2019 03:48 PM	I think that's it's great to remember people that did a lot for The community and to reward it with a memorial.. helps bring history into the community
Anonymous 7/08/2019 03:49 PM	Was fortunate enough to have met this great man when he came to Alberta to visit his two daughters in the Peace River area.
Anonymous 7/08/2019 03:55 PM	yes it would be a tribute to HENRY THOMAS SHEPHERD and well deserved he was the first volunteer Fire Chief in georgetown well known vet. ww1 & ww 2.. honorable resident ,legion parade marshall for many years..raised a large family in Georgetown when the town was a village .....
Anonymous 7/08/2019 03:57 PM	Henry Shepherd served his country and community with dignity and honor! Henry took a bullet in combat in the first war, trained troops in the second and helped found the Legion in Georgetown. Along with saving fellow associate members from a fire. Thus becoming fire chief and serving the community as well.
Anonymous 7/08/2019 04:01 PM	He was a respected citizen
Anonymous 7/08/2019 04:12 PM	Not only was he prominent in Halton, he was a distinguished office at the WE2 military camp in Newmarket and has been solutes there as well!
Anonymous 7/08/2019 04:34 PM	Deservedly so!
Anonymous 7/08/2019 04:35 PM	He fought as a black man with so much prejudice against him and he fought for our country. He deserves this honour
Anonymous 7/08/2019 04:41 PM	New him when I grew up in Georgetown,and went to school with his daughter. .
Anonymous 7/08/2019 04:44 PM	It is important to recognize individuals who have demonstrated extraordinary citizenship & community spirit . That he served in the military and fought for the freedoms we have today is even more significant.
Anonymous 7/08/2019 04:49 PM	Long time over due recognition for a life time of community and country service
Anonymous 7/08/2019 04:50 PM	I think Mr. Shepherd's story is inspirational. He came here from the underground railroad and built a life for himself. I think that shows the exactly spirit of the Halton community
Anonymous 7/08/2019 04:54 PM	His reputation as a citizen and a gentleman!

Anonymous

7/08/2019 05:03 PM

I remember Mr. Shepherd as a kid when he led the Remembrance Day parade. He has many descendants in Georgetown including the [REDACTED]  
As one of only a few black people in Georgetown he was really an ambassador for other people of color.

Anonymous

7/08/2019 05:07 PM

I have NO problem with the name change

Anonymous

7/08/2019 05:11 PM

The street name already reflects Dayfoot. We should honour the first RSM of the Lorne Scots.

Anonymous

7/08/2019 05:42 PM

His personal connection to Halton Hills, The Lorne Scots Regiment and the sacrifices he's made in the name of King and country speak volumes to the person he was and what Halton Hills stands for today.

Anonymous

7/08/2019 06:11 PM

He's a hero

Anonymous

7/08/2019 06:14 PM

I'm so proud of our town! What an amazing gesture!

Anonymous

7/08/2019 06:28 PM

What a great local connection to such an important part of our history.

Anonymous

7/08/2019 06:29 PM

It is a fitting tribute.

Anonymous

7/08/2019 06:34 PM

Definitely worthy of such an honor

Anonymous

7/08/2019 06:44 PM

It is deserved

Anonymous

7/08/2019 06:51 PM

Definitely a wonderful tribute to a man worth recognizing.

Anonymous

7/08/2019 06:57 PM

You shouldn't even ask....Get it changed

Anonymous

7/08/2019 06:58 PM

He is a significant part of history but is rarely recognized

Anonymous

7/08/2019 07:11 PM

I think this is a beautiful idea! What a beautiful honour to this gentleman and his family.

Anonymous

7/08/2019 07:18 PM

His contributions to the community deserve to be recognized and I think re-naming the park would enrich local knowledge about who he was.

Anonymous

7/08/2019 07:20 PM

I feel that the history and recognition is well deserved for the Shepherd family

Anonymous

7/08/2019 07:26 PM

Historical Military people are the fabric that wove Canada into what it is today.

Anonymous 7/08/2019 07:29 PM	Great idea
Anonymous 7/08/2019 08:00 PM	Local recognition is important!
Anonymous 7/08/2019 08:03 PM	Great supporter of the cummunity.
Anonymous 7/08/2019 08:04 PM	Wonderful part of Canadian history!
Anonymous 7/08/2019 08:05 PM	Important and beautiful legacy and dedication to a community
Anonymous 7/08/2019 08:15 PM	No question this should happen for many reasons including it is good for a town tarnished by a KKK March that happened as recent as a few decades ago. This man was RSM a regiment I was a proud member of and I am a proud born citizen of Georgetown with blood lines that have street names in town. Build it!
Anonymous 7/08/2019 08:22 PM	He has history with the town being a long-standing resident. It would be a honour to give the park his name
Anonymous 7/08/2019 08:27 PM	Because he was my great grandfather and it makes me proud
Anonymous 7/08/2019 08:38 PM	Mr. Shepherd served his community and country with distinction and his service should be recognized. This is an excellent opportunity to ensure future generations can learn about and connect with the history of the early residents of our community.
Anonymous 7/08/2019 08:50 PM	he was a great man who did a lot for Halton,also he is my great grandpa.
Anonymous 7/08/2019 08:52 PM	He was my husbands Grandfather and did alot for Canada and the community.
Anonymous 7/08/2019 08:56 PM	Great way to honour a past and notable resident.
Anonymous 7/08/2019 08:57 PM	He is my great grandfather, he is a good role model serving the community and our country.
Anonymous 7/08/2019 08:59 PM	He was a well respected gentleman in town. He lived a few doors down from my family home. I remember him leading the Legion Parade. I was very little but I remember my father referring to him as a giant of a man, someone to look up to. Certainly a brave man of integrity.
Anonymous 7/08/2019 09:01 PM	It is well deserved with all he has done.....
Anonymous 7/08/2019 09:03 PM	Great historical significance

Anonymous 7/08/2019 09:23 PM	It is great to name the parks after someone who has a connection to the area.
Anonymous 7/08/2019 09:23 PM	A true hero and an inspiration to all.
Anonymous 7/08/2019 09:28 PM	Important legacy
Anonymous 7/08/2019 09:52 PM	It is important to keep history within the town. A special sign stating Mr. Shepherd's history and significance to the area would teach the next generations too.
Anonymous 7/08/2019 10:36 PM	His was an inspiration in the community and apart of it's history!
Anonymous 7/08/2019 10:51 PM	I believe it gives the people in our community recognition for their accomplishments within the community.
Anonymous 7/08/2019 10:58 PM	To keep the memory of this great man alive for those who knew of him and his family
Anonymous 7/08/2019 11:00 PM	Because He was a very Honourable and well respected man. He served his country in both world wars and should be recognized in a manner for all to see!
Anonymous 7/08/2019 11:05 PM	He was also the RSM of the Lorne Scots.
Anonymous 7/08/2019 11:19 PM	Giving historical connection to our public spaces is an important way to maintain the history and meaning in our town
Anonymous 7/09/2019 12:20 AM	Henry Thomas Shepherd, M.B.E. was an outstanding soldier and citizen. Rising to the position of Regimental Sergeant Major of the Lorne Scots (Peel, Dufferin, and Halton Regiment), one of a handful of soldiers to serve in both World War One, and World War Two. He was also the fire chief of the Georgetown Fire Dept. If Mr Shepherd does not deserve to have a park named for him, then no one in Halton Hills does.
Anonymous 7/09/2019 01:05 AM	His achievements and service with the military deserve the recognition
Anonymous 7/09/2019 01:45 AM	To honor his contribution to the community !
Anonymous 7/09/2019 03:21 AM	That's my great grandfather so exciting he deserves to be recognized for his bravery and his journey
Anonymous 7/09/2019 05:18 AM	A decorated WWI also serving in WWII, one of the founding members of the Georgetown Royal Canadian Legion. Between his service in WWI and WWII, Mr. Shepherd was a member of the Georgetown Voluntary Fire Department and went on to become the Fire Chief in Georgetown. Henry Thomas Shepherd should have been honoured many years ago.
Anonymous	It's important to recognize and keep reminders of the sacrifices people from



7/09/2019 05:58 AM

the community have made to preserve the freedom.

Anonymous

7/09/2019 06:00 AM

I believe he is an important part of the history of the area. Our youth should learn about his presence and positive impact.

Anonymous

7/09/2019 06:32 AM

I think it is wonderful to recognize outstanding members of a community and recognize them in a positive way.

Anonymous

7/09/2019 06:33 AM

Naming a park after a street simply gives it geographical reference and in my mind that is it. But when a park is named after an individual I become more curious as to who that individual is and why they were honoured In this manner..I would read any information at the park or online about that individual and their contribution to the area.,

Anonymous

7/09/2019 06:48 AM

When I see a park named after a street I think ok now it has a geographical reference but when I see a park named after an individual my curiosity is raised and I have a tendency to wonder why and search out information either at the park or online as to the contributions of that individual.

Anonymous

7/09/2019 07:17 AM

It's incumbent on us to remember those who have contributed to the community in years past, and to preserve and tell their stories.

Anonymous

7/09/2019 07:27 AM

He was incredibly patriotic, dedicated, community focused, and inspiring to all.

Anonymous

7/09/2019 07:43 AM

I remember Mr. Shepherd as I knew his daughter [REDACTED] and remember [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] I am originally from Glen Williams so know many people in Georgetown. Mr. Shepherd was a very respected and well liked Man. Naming the Park after him is wonderful.

Anonymous

7/09/2019 07:51 AM

This man is a part of our Canadian history. He was a loyal Canadian who served and supported his community. Black Canadians are still fighting for their Human Rights.

Anonymous

7/09/2019 08:04 AM

He's a great icon for children to look up to!

Anonymous

7/09/2019 08:07 AM

It is important to recognize bravery and heroism by a local resident.

Anonymous

7/09/2019 08:54 AM

He is an important historical figure in our community

Anonymous

7/09/2019 09:23 AM

I think his settlement in Georgetown meant something. I know his granddaughter and she is a lovely girl.

Anonymous

7/09/2019 09:40 AM

It would be an honour to have the park named after the veteran Henry Thomas Sheppard just for his military accomplishments alone speaks for itself!

Anonymous

7/09/2019 10:07 AM

An honour for a man that served his country and community.

Anonymous

7/09/2019 10:13 AM

It's important to recognize those in our community who have made a significant contribution locally, nationally and worldwide.

Anonymous

7/09/2019 10:43 AM

I worked closely with the family and direct descendants of Henry Thomas Shepherd who has further history in the Town of Newmarket in his distinguished service in the Military, here in Newmarket. I am the Culture Programmer for the Town and was able to learn the in depth history of Henry Thomas Shepherd, hosted our first ever Black History Month here in Newmarket in 2018, in which Henry Thomas Shepherd was celebrated as part of our installation in the Gallery and presentation at the Black History Month Reception. I fully support the park naming. I think it is so very important to recognize our respective community's Black Historical figures and applaud you for considering this park naming in his honour.

Anonymous

7/09/2019 10:44 AM

It's recognizing history. Very important.

Anonymous

7/09/2019 10:45 AM

As a man of colour in an era, even today his dedication and commitment to his community and country despite any hardship or obstacles he had to endure are still exceptionally motivating that stands the test of time.

Anonymous

7/09/2019 11:35 AM

Henry Thomas Shepherd was an amazing man, and a mentor, example to many of exemplary integrity, loyalty and strength!!

Anonymous

7/09/2019 12:30 PM

To honour the service of a Halton resident/ soldier. To honour the memory of the great African American contributions to this country.

Anonymous

7/09/2019 12:50 PM

He is representative of a very important connection to our community and countries involvement in the underground railroad system as a resistance to slavery in the USA. I GREW up here but did not know abt this til now!

Anonymous

7/09/2019 01:09 PM

He is a decorated war veteran and dedicated his life too his family his town and his country

Anonymous

7/09/2019 01:43 PM

History , community , dedicated ...

Anonymous

7/09/2019 02:13 PM

Because of the accomplishments of Mr. Shepherd and the opportunity to honour our local history.

Anonymous

7/09/2019 02:33 PM

Great guy

Anonymous

7/09/2019 03:48 PM

It is historically relevant.

Anonymous

7/09/2019 03:58 PM

Very prominent member of the community, who was dedicated to service of the community

Anonymous

7/09/2019 05:06 PM

Henry seems like a founding father to Georgetown, was a notable black person who served his community and country in WW2.

Anonymous

7/09/2019 06:08 PM

Awesome man.

Anonymous

7/09/2019 07:08 PM

He is my Grwat Great Grandfather

Anonymous 7/09/2019 07:10 PM	He was my grandfather and from what i hear about him he was a great man ..proud to be one of his grandchildren
Anonymous 7/09/2019 09:09 PM	It is important to remember the people that built our town.
Anonymous 7/09/2019 09:44 PM	Historical significance. Also recognizes the Black History of the area.
Anonymous 7/09/2019 10:21 PM	Super great man
Anonymous 7/09/2019 11:55 PM	Great idea - historically significant local citizen.
Anonymous 7/10/2019 12:27 AM	I think it's a great idea to honour someone from our history by naming a park after them instead of naming it after a street.
Anonymous 7/10/2019 02:20 AM	He was my great grandfather. I am so proud of his acheivenents. His story is inspirational.
Anonymous 7/10/2019 07:26 AM	He had many contributions to society and is a wonderful role model
Anonymous 7/10/2019 08:36 AM	To recognize the importance of the members of community and our history
Anonymous 7/10/2019 09:08 AM	Have known the family for over 60 years. His grandkids were my childhood playmates. Lots of very fond memories
Anonymous 7/10/2019 09:11 AM	First RSM of the Lorne Scots and local man for life.
Anonymous 7/10/2019 09:21 AM	Such a refreshing choice. I didn't know about Henry Shepherd and his family settling in the Georgetown area. I still don't know enough --the biography says "Following a lifetime of achievements and honours serving his community and country died in 1960." I'd like the details. I'd like to know if the family is still here. I'd like to know the story of how they ended up here after their escape.
Anonymous 7/10/2019 09:26 AM	Sorry, I submitted the survey before reading the bio and historical information on the Shepherd family. My bad!
Anonymous 7/10/2019 11:40 AM	He is my great grandfather and should be honoured for his service.
Anonymous 7/10/2019 12:00 PM	Service to country and community
Anonymous 7/10/2019 12:23 PM	Having lived in Halton hills my whole life, and as a history enthusiast no less, I'm surprised and disappointed to only be learning about such an amazing local figure now. I hope that naming the park can raise awareness of his life and accomplishments.

Anonymous

7/10/2019 01:29 PM

Mr. Shepherd is a significant part of the history of Georgetown having served in two world wars and that his family chose the Georgetown area to come to and raise their families. Having arrived from a troubled country dealing with cultures, the Shepherd found a sense of community and contributed what they could for the betterment of our Town.

Anonymous

7/10/2019 02:28 PM

I am happy to see that there shall be Henry Thomas Shepherd Park as it will bring to light the story that Black Men were able to serve Canada during the First World War in non segregated units and do so with distinction. Fabulous choice

Anonymous

7/10/2019 02:37 PM

Honouring our heroes who stepped up is important. Ensuring all who did are included is important to me.

Anonymous

7/10/2019 06:27 PM

Exceptional

Anonymous

7/10/2019 07:41 PM

It will lean a lot to the family

Anonymous

7/10/2019 07:44 PM

Henry Thomas was my great great grandfather

Anonymous

7/10/2019 08:22 PM

Historical significance

Anonymous

7/10/2019 09:00 PM

Very well known in the community and I believe it would represent the local community well.

Anonymous

7/11/2019 07:32 AM

Yes, the family are long time Georgetown residents with a lot of history to contribute.

Anonymous

7/11/2019 03:39 PM

Great man

Anonymous

7/11/2019 11:55 PM

The article above was more than enough reasons

Anonymous

7/12/2019 11:49 AM

Lifelong resident.

Anonymous

7/12/2019 11:56 AM

After reading the articles about this gentleman, it is obvious that he was a fine citizen of the community, a role model, and a war hero. I believe his life should be honored and he should be recognized by naming the park after him.

Anonymous

7/12/2019 01:56 PM

honorable reason, however Shepherd Park might be better for signage, etc. or even Henry T. Shepherd Park?

Anonymous

7/12/2019 01:57 PM

Now here's a guy who served "King & Country", and Canada, during WW1 , and Georgetown! Started off as a buck private and rose quickly through the ranks! A remarkable life/career, for sure. The only concern I have is Day Foot Park is too small to honour such a man of his stature!

Anonymous

It would be great for a person of colour to be celebrated in Georgetown as

7/12/2019 02:17 PM

we are now a more diverse community.

Anonymous

7/12/2019 02:46 PM

Recognizing African-Canadian Heritage is so rare yet important to who we are as a community!

Anonymous

7/12/2019 02:47 PM

Having just read his contribution to Canada in the first and second world wars and being a volunteer firefighter and chief, I think he definitely deserves to have this park named after him. His history of coming to Canada is also interesting and very important to Canada's helping people come through the underground railroad.

Anonymous

7/12/2019 04:17 PM

Heritage

Anonymous

7/12/2019 06:43 PM

Exceptional man

Anonymous

7/12/2019 06:57 PM

I can't relate to that name- there are so many parks her- using street name is good-but perhaps use something that is related to today or that area like St. George park -st George story has a nice meaning and is in the same area as the st George pub. -just my thought!

Anonymous

7/12/2019 09:14 PM

Seems like a good local figure

Anonymous

7/16/2019 07:02 AM

I was born and raised in this beautiful town and have known this family my whole life. Many grandchildren and great grandchildren are still living in Georgetown and supporting this community. I would like to see a full story about the family in our local paper once the park has been renamed after Mr Shepherd. as I feel it should be. Thank you.

Anonymous

7/16/2019 09:37 AM

This is a significant person in our community who I was not aware of until this survey. Naming the park after him will make others curious, as well.

Anonymous

7/18/2019 09:21 AM

As the articles demonstrate, his significant beginnings in Halton Hills and subsequent years of service, contributions in the community and respected accolades deem it fitting to name the park in his name. In this way, we preserve history and encourage visitors to learn of/keep it going it as well. He is a local hero that deserves to be recognized. He was one of our finest citizens

Anonymous

7/18/2019 02:58 PM

Anonymous

7/18/2019 03:18 PM

Henry Shepherd was an upstanding citizen of old Georgetown (now Halton Hills), with family continuing to reside locally. To name a park after an associated street is a viable albeit generic method of park naming. In a case such as this where both local culture and heritage can be recognized by adopting an alternative name, all the better. Such a tweak in standard policy preserves history in situ and educates current residents; in turn, fostering a pride in neighbourhoods and community.

Anonymous

7/18/2019 06:12 PM

Because of Henry Shepherds family background and survivors still in this area it would be nice to honour him especially since he went to war for our country even tho there was discrimination he still fought

Anonymous

The name represents the past

7/23/2019 08:58 PM

Anonymous

7/29/2019 12:49 PM

What benefit and enhancement to the community will the renaming of Dayfoot Drive Park present to local residents? To state, "And perhaps soon, visitors to Dayfoot Drive Park in Halton Hills may have the opportunity to contemplate the life of..(Henry Thomas Shepherd, M.B.E.)", is whimsical at best. Children and their parent go to Dayfoot Drive Park to place on the swings and slide, teenager gather on the picnic tables and dogs run around catching throw balls. Do they contemplate the origins of Dayfoot Drive Park or an other park, anywhere? Perhaps NO. Then changing the name will have little purpose but to waste time, effort and taxpayer dollars.

Anonymous

8/01/2019 10:35 AM

He was my Grandfather. Our families get up in this area and to name a park after him is very heart felt. My grandfather represent his town with honour and was very much involved as a black man. He served our country in both world wars, decorated with many medals. He was an honourable family man and hugely respected in the community

Anonymous

8/01/2019 10:37 AM

My wife's Grandfather and a great citizen on Georgetown

Anonymous

8/11/2019 08:56 PM

Well deserved to this long time resident of Georgetown and his family.

Anonymous

8/13/2019 12:23 PM

This is overdue. The story of the Armenian's Boys Home Farm is in the Human Rights Museum. I find very few people in this community know that story and even fewer know the story of Henry Thomas Shepherd. Our town also has an unfortunate reputation of being intolerant. The more we can educate people and show them the diversity of our history the better chance we have of having a more community with a more welcoming reputation and one of which we can be proud.

Anonymous

8/13/2019 02:35 PM

please see below

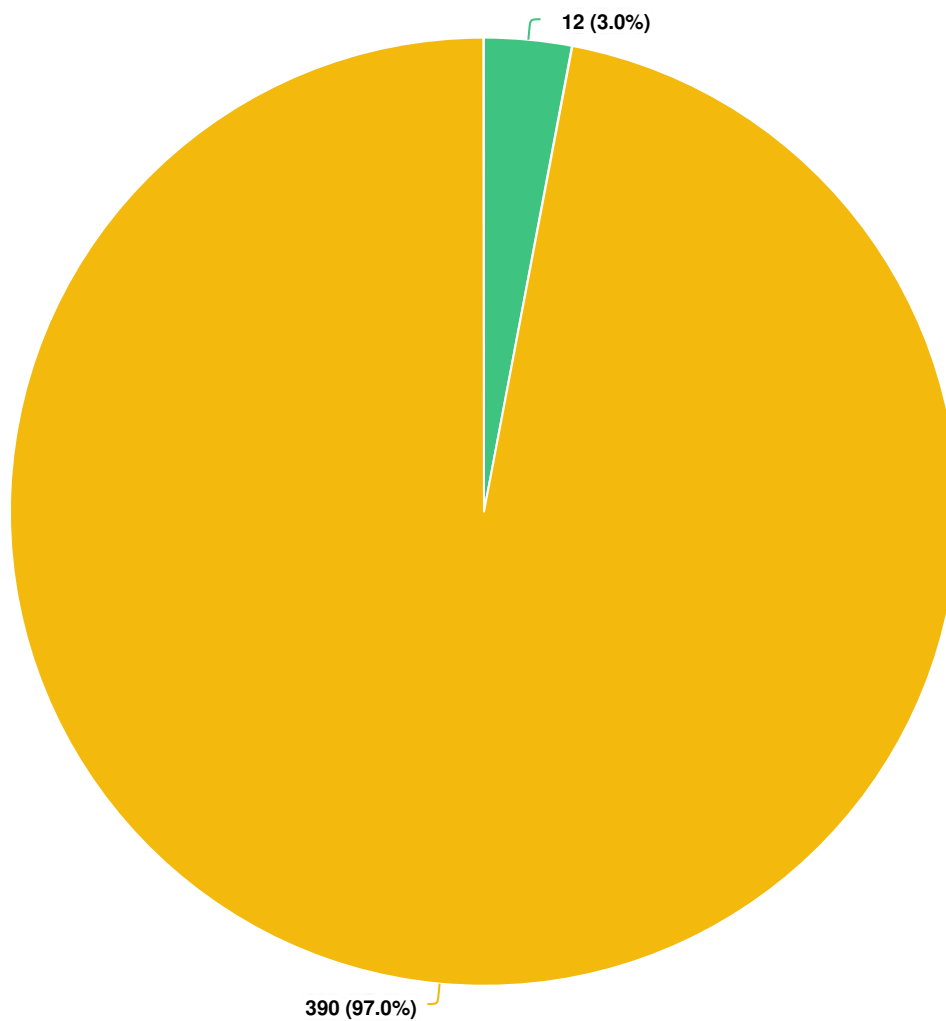
Anonymous

8/15/2019 03:31 PM

Henry Shepherd is a significant historical figure who contributed to this community and our country throughout his life. He set a very important example of what it means to be a good citizen. The park location is in the same area that the family lived.

**Optional question** (176 responses, 227 skipped)

**Q3** | 2. Do you have any concerns with the naming of Dayfoot Drive Park (standard park name) to Henry Thomas Shepherd, M.B.E. Park?



**Question options**

● Yes ● No

*Optional question (402 responses, 1 skipped)*

**Q4** Please explain your concerns:

Anonymous

7/08/2019 11:06 AM

I think it's unnecessary and easier to leave it as is! It always costs extra money. I feel money is better spent elsewhere.

Anonymous

7/08/2019 06:44 PM

The name is too long. Drop the NBE part

Anonymous

7/09/2019 03:19 PM

Please add/use his military rank. It was well earned!

Anonymous

7/12/2019 01:57 PM

See above comments...

Anonymous

7/12/2019 06:57 PM

Just locating the park -it's like naming it John Dow! Where is that. Lol

Anonymous

7/29/2019 12:49 PM

CONCERNS? No. So I shall repeat what I said previously. What benefit and enhancement to the community will the renaming of Dayfoot Drive Park present to local residents? To state, "And perhaps soon, visitors to Dayfoot Drive Park in Halton Hills may have the opportunity to contemplate the life of.. (Henry Thomas Shepherd, M.B.E.)", is whimsical at best. Children and their parent go to Dayfoot Drive Park to place on the swings and slide, teenager gather on the picnic tables and dogs run around catching throw balls. Do they contemplate the origins of Dayfoot Drive Park or an other park, anywhere? Perhaps NO. Then changing the name will have little purpose but to waste time, effort and taxpayer dollars.

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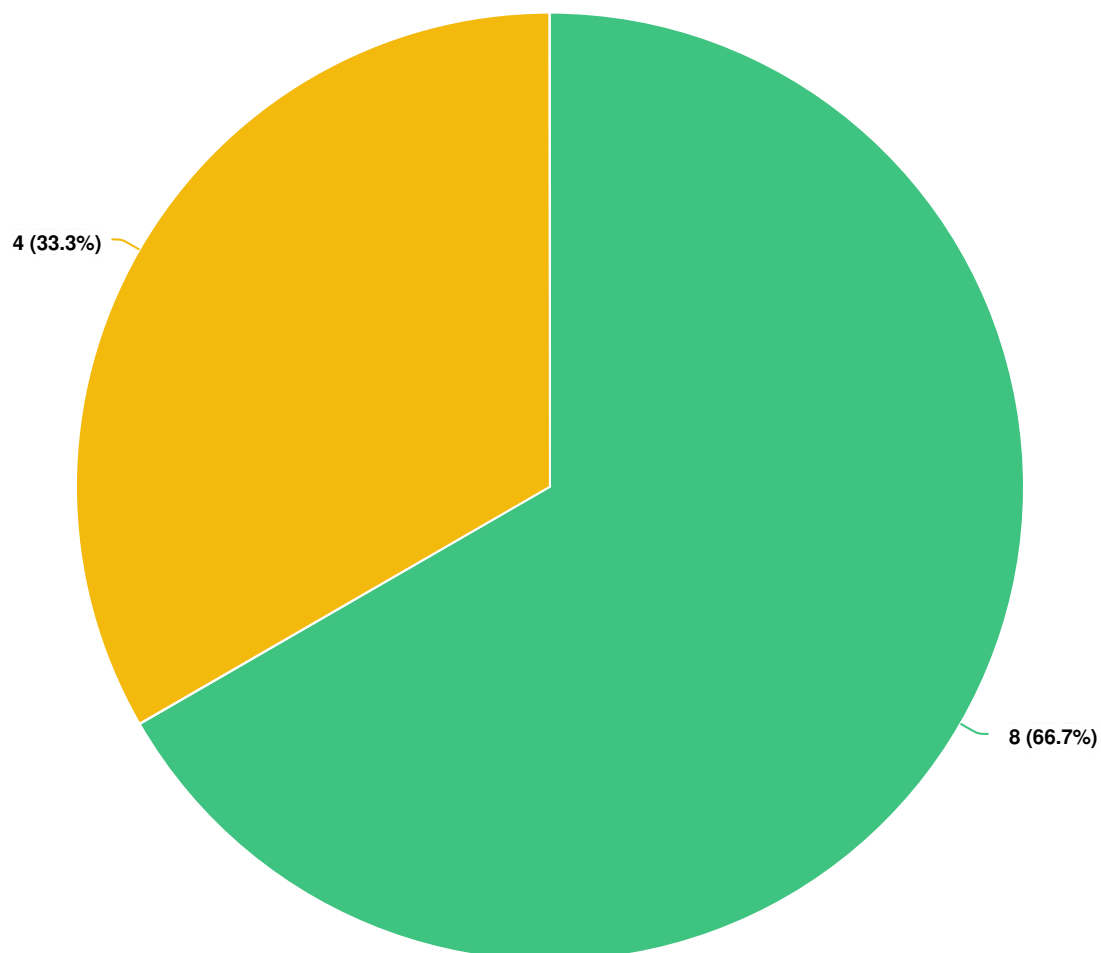
8/13/2019 02:35 PM

You have not provided enough compelling evidence that he is worthy. A chest full of medals...tell us about that..What did he do in the community?  
The biography is seriously lacking

**Optional question** (7 responses, 396 skipped)



**Q5** | Would you be supportive of the naming of a new park in the Vision Georgetown Development as an alternative to the naming as proposed above?



**Question options**

● Yes ● No

*Optional question (12 responses, 391 skipped)*

**Q6** | **3. Please provide any other comments you may have**

Anonymous

7/08/2019 10:20 AM

Excellent choice. All of our choices should be those who have served honorably and made sacrifices so we may live freely and in peace. Our veterans should be honoured every day. It says you need info if we DO NOT SUPPORT your choice. I DO SUPPORT

Anonymous

7/08/2019 10:50 AM

We should change the names of all our small parks. This is a great idea.

Anonymous

7/08/2019 11:06 AM

New park makes more sense to me if you have to do it. I prefer names of parks to make sense. A park labelled with the area name is more logical and always easier to locate.

Anonymous

7/08/2019 01:08 PM

I think it's important to recognize these people of our past.

Anonymous

7/08/2019 01:57 PM

I was concerned that the bio did not include any information with regards to his military service.

Anonymous

7/08/2019 02:08 PM

I think it would be an honor to name the park after Mr.Shepherd.

Anonymous

7/08/2019 02:11 PM

I fully support the naming of this park. My address when I lived in Georgetown was [REDACTED]

Anonymous

7/08/2019 02:21 PM

I hope that this goes through and the Park will be named after my grandpa Shepherd.

Anonymous

7/08/2019 02:22 PM

Please don't be swayed by anyone trying to mask their opposition under the guise of any other excuse than NOT wanting to honour a non-white!

Anonymous

7/08/2019 02:37 PM

The discussion to name the park after a very outstanding citizen is very appropriate. This man not only served his town and area as a fireman and parade marshal but also served his country in both world wars.

Anonymous

7/08/2019 02:43 PM

My family lived in Georgetown since early 1900s & know they would agree to this name change My husband& I moved in 2005 but visit often

Anonymous

7/08/2019 02:46 PM

Henry Shepherd was my grandmothers father.

Anonymous

7/08/2019 02:52 PM

I love the idea and hope it is approved!

Anonymous

7/08/2019 02:53 PM

As per above. My only question is whether this is the most appropriate park to be named after Henry? I can't answer this question but just put that out there as it is not a very prominent park .

Anonymous

7/08/2019 02:59 PM

All good.

Anonymous

I think is a wonderful idea

7/08/2019 03:00 PM

Anonymous

I thought it may be in his Father's name. Although he is a well decorated solider and worthy :)

7/08/2019 03:06 PM

Anonymous

This is a great honour to him and his family.

7/08/2019 03:12 PM

Anonymous

He was a great man —well deserved

7/08/2019 03:20 PM

Anonymous

We must reflect the extra ordinary and celebrate it

7/08/2019 03:36 PM

Anonymous

WONDERFUL IDEA !!

7/08/2019 03:55 PM

Anonymous

Henry Shepherd was a very patriot and honorable man. He raised 6 daughter and lost a so at an early age From youth to adulthood Henry was all about his community environments well being.

7/08/2019 03:57 PM

Anonymous

Well deserved honour.

7/08/2019 04:05 PM

Anonymous

Great idea!

7/08/2019 04:12 PM

Anonymous

Nice idea.

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Anonymous

I think it should be named after him. He served in 2 wars and was a important member of the community. He was highly decorated.

7/08/2019 04:26 PM

Anonymous

My wife ( ) and myself grew up knowing all Henry's daughters personally and respected RSM Henry Shepherd for his contribution to our community. He was a remarkable person. I am presently a member of The Lorne Scots Regimental Association having served from 1955 to 1957  
Absolute great man .

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Anonymous

Excellent very thoughtful idea I live on Dayfoot

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Anonymous

Excellent very thoughtful idea I live on Dayfoot

7/08/2019 04:48 PM

Anonymous

Good choice long overdue for recognition.

7/08/2019 05:03 PM

Anonymous

He's a Hero

7/08/2019 06:11 PM

Anonymous

You rock!

7/08/2019 06:14 PM

Anonymous

So proud he was my grandfather. The story I have been told and what I have

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read about him , it is a honor to say he is my grandfather ! So proud ! Thank you for wanting to name the park after him.

Perhaps the name suggested is too long? I would prefer it as "Henry Thomas Shepherd Park", the MBE doesn't flow and seems unnecessary.

Thank you recognizing him as a historic and important member of Georgetown.

Day Drive Park doesn't stand for anything.

Great Man - Great Idea

I love finding out history of a town where I reside. By hearing the parks name would bring up questions of who was this guy the park is named after. The history would always come to light.....

It would be a honour to our whole family

Please do this.

Was aunts father, met once and was a great person

I may not be a resident now but my Grandmother, a [REDACTED] was born in Georgetown in the late 1800's and the [REDACTED] family were residents of town until my father passed in 2009. The [REDACTED] are still I town.

I would like to see the naming of parks etc. mentioned in the Independent and Free Press. It is nice to let people know the history of the name.

This is a great possibility and it is change for the better.

I have read what qualities Mr Shepherd brought to our community and I am happy to support the request.

I would love to see the naming of Dayfoot Drive Park changed to Henry Thomas Shepherd, M.B.E.Park (my Grandfather)

There should be a plaque at the park listing his accomplishments.

Naming of a park is a small yet worthy jesture that a community can do to honour him. Lest we forget.

Amazing work Halton region!

What does MBE stand for? Does it need to be included in the name?

Anonymous 7/09/2019 08:07 AM	This is a good idea and links us to those who came before us.
Anonymous 7/09/2019 08:38 AM	It's important to recognize a significant person from our own community.
Anonymous 7/09/2019 08:43 AM	The suggested naming is a definite YES.
Anonymous 7/09/2019 09:28 AM	This would be a wonderful tribute to an exceptional man.
Anonymous 7/09/2019 09:40 AM	Georgetown is my hometown which I love and will always support!
Anonymous 7/09/2019 10:07 AM	This is a great story about a local man who's family is still in the area. A great way to promote Halton Hills and local history.
Anonymous 7/09/2019 10:13 AM	This is a slam dunk, shouldn't need consultation to recognize one of our own
Anonymous 7/09/2019 12:15 PM	This is something that should have been done long ago. Mr. [REDACTED] was a wonderful man.
Anonymous 7/09/2019 12:46 PM	As a lifelong resident of Halton Hills the idea of park named after one of our prominent local citizen ensures that future generations will have a greater understanding of people who served our town, country and the world during the Second World War. Mr. Shepherd contributed greatly to the history of our local community. He was honoured for his service and is indeed an outstanding former citizen. I am very proud to be raised in a community that would support the naming of a park after such a distinguished man.
Anonymous 7/09/2019 01:09 PM	I'm proud of my great grandfathers accomplishments and life long achievements and honoring him by naming a park after him is just right considering he raised his family on chapel st so the location couldn't be better
Anonymous 7/09/2019 02:13 PM	I am totally in favour of this and think honouring Mr. Shepherd is long overdue.
Anonymous 7/09/2019 02:50 PM	I think it is great that [REDACTED] has spent so much time researching her family background. We no longer live in Georgetown but the park name should be named for a former resident who contributed so much to his country.
Anonymous 7/09/2019 03:48 PM	The current name doesn't relate to anything while the new name is historically relevant and demonstrates the diversity of Halton Hills which is a good thing.
Anonymous 7/09/2019 03:58 PM	A very worthwhile initiative. This could inspire others to more community service activities
Anonymous 7/09/2019 07:08 PM	Proud and feel honored
Anonymous 7/09/2019 09:09 PM	Love having a say in what happens in our town .

Anonymous 7/09/2019 10:21 PM	He is very deserving man.
Anonymous 7/10/2019 12:27 AM	I think all parks in Halton Hills should get the same consideration.
Anonymous 7/10/2019 09:21 AM	A nice change from recognizing monied people who came to Georgetown, who already had the means to be successful, and were perhaps driven by self-interest.
Anonymous 7/10/2019 09:26 AM	Likely anyone who objects is less worthy than Henry Thomas Shepherd.
Anonymous 7/10/2019 01:29 PM	The Dayfoot family still has recognition through the street being named in their honour. I'm surprised, but unaware, that the Dayfoot Family didn't have a plaque on the site of the apartment building where the Dayfoot Shoe Factory was located. That would be more significant than a park name after Dayfoot.
Anonymous 7/10/2019 01:59 PM	It is an excellent idea to recognize people who contributed to the town and to honour our history.
Anonymous 7/10/2019 02:28 PM	Please keep me in the loop as we made Henry's story part of our exhibit at the War Museum. Would love to be part of the unveiling when it happens.
Anonymous 7/10/2019 02:37 PM	There is a Lake in British Columbia that should be renamed. Originally "n" lake, changed to Negro Lake like that was better. Clearly someone lived there and deserves a better remembrance.
Anonymous 7/10/2019 07:44 PM	It's amazing the story of this man. This is Georgetown history that goes back a long time. For me I am the 5 generation of the shepherd family tree
Anonymous 7/11/2019 11:55 PM	Making historical changes like this one make Georgetown in a small way even closer as a community
Anonymous 7/12/2019 01:57 PM	Absolutely!! Hopefully a much larger interesting park!
Anonymous 7/12/2019 02:46 PM	Great Initiative!
Anonymous 7/12/2019 04:17 PM	More meaningful name.
Anonymous 7/12/2019 06:43 PM	Definitely a great idea.
Anonymous 7/12/2019 06:57 PM	Good luck. It's hard to make everyone happy-I just want life to be easier!
Anonymous 7/16/2019 09:37 AM	given the ongoing internet association of Georgetown with the KKK, this is a positive step toward telling ourselves and others who we aspire to be.
Anonymous	Would love to see more of this type of historical recognition throughout the

7/18/2019 03:18 PM

Town. This would be a wonderful initiative for Heritage Halton Hills.

Anonymous

7/18/2019 06:12 PM

My husbands family roots are intertwined with the Shepherds and I think it would be very special for him

Anonymous

7/23/2019 08:58 PM

Historical names are great to use. I think it is an honour to have your name used on a street sign or a park or a building.

Anonymous

7/29/2019 12:49 PM

LOL! Has council not noticed the amount of potholes on roadways, (Main St. Mountainview), cracked and sunken portions of roads (Arletta St., Normandy Blvd), lack of downtown parking and other town related issues? Money was wasted last year by painting large green bicycle lanes that, if tracked and video captured, would find there are NO bicycles using the lane. To name Dayfoot Drive Park or rename any other Georgetown park is a waste of time and tax payers money.

Anonymous

8/01/2019 10:35 AM

What an honour with this consideration to name this park after someone who served this town with dignity and honour.

**Optional question** (87 responses, 316 skipped)