



March 11, 2021

Guelph City Hall  
1 Carden Street,  
Guelph, Ontario  
N1H 3A1

Dear Mr. Mayor and Members of Council,

**RE: Municipal Property and Building Commemorative Naming 2020/2021**

The mission of the Guelph Black Heritage Society (GBHS) is to preserve the historical significance of the British Methodist Episcopal Church that has stood at 83 Essex Street since 1880, the building has now been renamed Heritage Hall. Our mandate is to create a cultural, historical, and social centre within Guelph. GBHS raises awareness in Guelph of both local (Guelph and Wellington County) and national Black heritage as well as addressing social issues of importance to Black Canadian communities.

We are pleased to support the City of Guelph Naming Committee's recommendation to Council to name a park, *Courtney, Goines and Mallott Park*, and a trail, *No. 2 Construction Battalion Trail*, in honour of the courageous Black men of Guelph who served during the First World War.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Denise Francis".

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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kween".

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