

NAMING OF TWO CITY PARKS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Canada Lands Company is requesting that two Municipal Reserve parcels within the Currie Barracks redevelopment area be named “Officer’s Mess Gardens” and “Bishop Walk.” Attachments to the report include: a community map (Attachment 1), park location maps (Bishop Walk, Attachment 2 and Officer’s Mess Gardens, Attachment 3) and a letter of support for the proposed Officer’s Mess Gardens park name from Alberta Culture and Tourism (Attachment 4).

ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATION(S)

That the Priorities and Finance Committee recommends that Council:

1. Approve the name “Bishop Walk” for the linear park that is located parallel to Bishop Way (Attachment 2);
2. Approve the name “Officer’s Mess Gardens” for the garden adjacent to the Provincial Historic Resource, Officer’s Mess Hall (Attachment 3); and
3. Direct that the report and attachments be heard in-camera pursuant to subsection 23(1)(b) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, and remain confidential pursuant to Section 24(1)(a) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* until Council rises and reports.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE PRIORITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEE, DATED 2017 JULY 18:

That Council:

1. Approve the name “Bishop **Carroll** Walk” for the linear park that is located parallel to Bishop Way (Attachment 2);
2. Approve the name “Officer’s Mess Gardens” for the garden adjacent to the Provincial Historic Resource, Officer’s Mess Hall (Attachment 3); and
3. Direct that the report and attachments be heard in-camera pursuant to subsection 23(1)(b) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, and remain confidential pursuant to Section 24(1)(a) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* until Council rises and reports.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL DIRECTION / POLICY

On 2016 April 11, Council approved the Municipal Naming, Sponsorship and Naming Rights Policy (CP2016-01), replacing the previous Municipal Naming Policy (CS03); the Naming Rights Guidelines – City-Owned, Civic Partners Operated Facilities (CSPS012); and the Sponsorship Policy – City-Owned, City Managed Assets (CS011).

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On 2015 May 11, Council approved street names for the Currie Barracks redevelopment area, based on themes from the First and Second World Wars, including the names Bessborough, Bishop, Currie, Trasimeno, and Alexandria.

BACKGROUND

The Currie Barracks redevelopment is the creation of a mixed use, vibrant, neighbourhood within the boundaries of the federally owned former Canadian Forces Base Calgary, also known as Currie Barracks site, which was active during World War II and the Korean War. Many of the sites and structures within Currie Barracks are designated Provincial Historic Resources, including the Officer's Mess Hall.

The proposed Officer's Mess Gardens is the landscape directly associated with the Officer's Mess Hall. The building and the garden have been formally subdivided and the 0.44 hectare (1.09 acre) garden parcel was designated Municipal Reserve as part of Plan 1612440. The garden will be integrated into Calgary's park system. The garden itself is also a designated Provincial Historic Resource. The modifications to the garden have been proposed in close consultation with Alberta Culture and Tourism and preserve it as a place of quiet contemplation. Much of the site's layout and existing vegetation are being conserved.

The proposed Bishop Walk has been formally subdivided and the 0.37 hectare (0.91 acre) parcel was designated Municipal Reserve as part of Plan 1612440 and includes a regional pathway that extends the length of the linear park. The proposed Bishop Walk runs parallel to the existing Bishop Way and is adjacent to Bishop Drive. The name, Bishop, was selected for these roads as the Bishop Carroll Secondary School is located to the immediate southeast of the Currie Barracks community and many students will use this route to and from school. The 'Walk' suffix conveys the notion of the linear connection and is more in keeping with the park's function as a regional pathway that connects users to the larger park space in the community.

Bishop Francis Patrick Carroll was born in 1890 and was ordained June 2, 1917. He was consecrated Bishop of Calgary in 1935 and under his guidance the diocese experienced great growth and 50 new churches were built. His devoted service to the church and the community was recognized in two significant events. Pope Pius XII appointed Bishop Carroll as Assistant to the Pontifical Throne that carries with it the dignity of a Papal Count. He was also adopted by the Blackfoot Nation and given the name "White Eagle". Both of these events show the respect and admiration that Bishop Carroll had achieved through his work and service to the Calgary community.

It is the intention of the Canada Lands Company to complete the site enhancements for both Municipal Reserve sites and conduct an official opening with The City in late 2017, as part of the Canada 150 celebrations. In anticipation of that event, the parks will each require a name.

INVESTIGATION: ALTERNATIVES AND ANALYSIS

The proposed name, Officer's Mess Gardens, is in accordance with the Municipal Naming, Sponsorship and Naming Rights Policy (CP2016-01) in that the name, Officer's Mess Gardens, reflects Calgary's heritage and furthers the sense of community of the former Canadian Forces

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Base Calgary. The name also coincides with the historical significance of the location, adjacent to the designated Provincial Historic Resource, Officer's Mess Hall.

The proposed name, Bishop Walk, is in accordance with the Municipal Naming, Sponsorship and Naming Rights Policy (CP2016-01) in that the name, Bishop Walk, commemorates Bishop Carroll who is considered a notable Calgarian, and displayed exemplary public and community service.

Stakeholder Engagement, Research and Communication

Canada Lands Company consulted with Alberta Culture and Tourism and the name Officer's Mess Gardens has support and clear rationale. The name was historically associated with the space and will continue to have adjacent and direct association with the re-purposed Officer's Mess Hall. Attached is a letter dated May 5, 2017 from the Province (Attachment 3) in which support is given for the proposed name.

Strategic Alignment

The naming of a Municipal Reserve parcel is aligned with City Council approved Municipal Naming, Sponsorship and Naming Rights Policy (CP2016-01).

Social, Environmental, Economic (External)

Social

The naming of both Officer's Mess Gardens and Bishop Walk enhances the societal awareness of the history of Calgary's landscape, the contributions Calgary and Calgarians made to the armed forces and the service of Canadians, as well as the contributions of Bishop Carroll to Calgary.

Environmental

Not applicable.

Economic (External)

Not applicable.

Financial Capacity

Current and Future Operating Budget:

No impact to current or future City Operating Budget.

Current and Future Capital Budget:

No impact to current or future City Capital Budget as all signage will be installed by Canada Lands Company.

Risk Assessment

There are no risks associated with the recommendation as presented by Administration.

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REASON(S) FOR RECOMMENDATION(S):

Approval of the naming of these two Municipal Reserve sites fits within the criteria outlined in the Municipal Naming, Sponsorship and Naming Rights Policy (CP2016-01) as they reflect the history of the site and the contributions of Bishop Carroll.

ATTACHMENT(S)

1. Community Map (Confidential)
2. Location Map Park 1 (Confidential)
3. Location Map Park 2 (Confidential)
4. Letter of Support (Confidential)