

Naming of 12 City Parks

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- l) Approve the name “Heffernan Park” for the park located at Nipawin CR and Napaka CR NW; and
- m) Direct that the list of names outlined in this report 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)&(b) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* until Council rises and reports.

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HIGHLIGHTS

Four communities have come to administration with naming requests for 12 parks:

- Bowness – two parks,
- Bridgeland/Riverside - eight parks,
- Cliff Bungalow/Mission - one park,
- North Haven – one park.
- Attachment 1 includes maps showing the locations of the 12 parks.
- All proposed names align with the City Council approved Municipal Naming, Sponsorship and Naming Rights Policy (CP2016-01) as they further a sense of community.
- *What does this mean to Calgarians?* Naming parks contributes to the identity of the parks, enhances a sense of destination within the community and illustrates the value Calgarians place on parks and open spaces.

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- *Why does it matter?* Naming parks and green spaces within neighbourhoods allow community members to have a better connection to their history and to the people who contributed to their neighbourhood.
- *Strategic Alignment to Council's Citizen Priorities:* A city of safe and inspiring neighbourhoods.
- *Background:* 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). This policy was last amended on 2018 April 5.

DISCUSSION

Bowness

The Bowness Historic Society has proposed naming two parks in their community, both names were chosen to celebrate the accomplishments of Bownesians. The first is “Bonnie Laing Park”. Bonnie Laing was the Calgary-Bow member of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta from 1989 – 2000. The second is “Marty Wood Park”. Marty was a professional rodeo champion who was inducted into the Canadian Rodeo Hall of Fame and the Alberta Sports Hall of Fame. See Attachment 2 for more detail.

Bridgeland-Riverside

The Bridgeland-Riverside Community Association has taken a community-wide approach and is proposing to name eight parks in their community (deferring two parks for Indigenous names in the future). The Bridgeland-Riverside Community Association has undertaken significant engagement throughout the community. The collection of names celebrates the history of the neighbourhood (“Annie Gale Park”, “Safe Haven Park”), early community members/nationalities (“Normie Kwong Park”, “Helen’s Garden”, “Schule Park”, “La Piazza”), the geography of the area (“Hidden Slopes”), and the original design of the community (“Olmsted Terrace”). See Attachment 3 for more detail.

Cliff Bungalow-Mission

The Cliff Bungalow-Mission community has proposed naming one park along the river as “Goose Park”. This naming recognizes the commitment of two community members, Ted and Bette Best, who helped create the park for the geese they loved. See Attachment 4 for more detail.

North Haven

The North Haven community has proposed naming one park “Heffernan Park” after two beloved community members. Marie and Terry Heffernan are well known in the neighbourhood for their commitment and contribution to the community since moving to the community in the early 1960’s. See Attachment 5 for more detail.

STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATION (EXTERNAL)

- Public Engagement was undertaken
- Public Communication or Engagement was not required
- Public/Stakeholders were informed

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Stakeholder dialogue/relations were undertaken

All the proposed names came directly from the community. All applications have had community dialogue, as endorsement must be illustrated with a letter of support from a community organization or come directly from a community organization.

All proposed names were sent to the impacted ward offices for their support and endorsement.

IMPLICATIONS

Social

Naming of these parks contributes to healthy neighbourhoods as the names give us a greater connection with our surroundings and a sense of belonging to our community.

Environmental

Not applicable.

Economic

Not applicable.

Service and Financial Implications

Not applicable. Any costs associated with signage is at the expense of the communities.

No anticipated financial impact

Costs of signage to be paid for by the communities.

RISK

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

ATTACHMENT(S)

1. Maps of Parks with Proposed Names (Confidential)
2. Bowness application (Confidential)
3. Bridgeland-Riverside application (Confidential)
4. Cliff Bungalow-Mission application (Confidential)
5. North Haven application (Confidential)
6. Presentation (Confidential)

Department Circulation

General Manager/Director	Department	Approve/Consult/Inform
Kyle Ripley, Director	Parks & Open Spaces	Approve
Doug Morgan, General Manager	Operational Services	Approve