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**CALGARY**  
OFFICE OF THE COUNCILLORS

Letters of Support

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ATTACHMENT 2

2015 January 8<sup>th</sup>

Colin D'Costa

Corporate Services

The City of Calgary

**Re: Letter of Support for name "George & Annie Wood Park"**

It is with my pleasure to write this letter of support for the Bowness Historical Society (BHS). The BHS is a small group of talented, passionate people that seek to promote and preserve the history of Bowness. To date, they have published two books and launched several projects to promote the history of Bowness.

The BHS would like the park on 9015 48 Ave NW to be named "George & Annie Wood Park". The BHS believe this could contribute to and help keep Bowness' history alive and relevant. I support the BHS request and think the name is appropriate given the historical significance of the Wood name in Bowness and the proximity of the park to Wood's Homes.

The BHS is a credit to its community. I fully support their naming of the park "George and Annie Wood Park", and I wish them all the success.

Sincerely,

  
Ward Sutherland  
Councillor Ward 1



**BOWNESS**  
COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

November 18, 2014


Chair - Municipal Names Committee  
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To Whom It May Concern:

The Bowness Historical Society reached out to the BCA for support in the naming of a small local park at 9015 48 Ave NW. The BCA fully endorses naming the park close to the gates of Woods Homes the George and Annie Wood Park. It is more than appropriate to name it in honour of the founders of Woods Homes and in memory of the generations of children from Woods Homes who played (and play) in this little park.

Please don't hesitate to contact us if there are any questions.

Yours truly,

  
Dursan Meade  
Acting President



**WOOD'S HOMES**  
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SINCE 1914

November 19, 2014

Attention: Mr. Colin D'Costa

City of Calgary/Municipal Names Committee

My name is Dr. Jane Matheson, Chief Executive Officer of Wood's Homes, a nationally recognized and accredited children's mental health centre based here in Calgary.

Wood's Homes was founded as an orphanage in 1914 by Reverend George Wood. We are nearing the end of our 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary year – one that has been marked by many different celebrations. This milestone has provided us with great opportunity to not only prepare for the next century of services, but to revisit the incredible history of this organization.

George Wood and his wife Annie took in children in the early 1900s, who had nowhere else to turn, children whose parents for one reason or another were unable to care for them. And no child was turned away. Today, with more than 500 employees and volunteers, 35 programs and services in 17 locations – I am very proud to say that we live and breathe that mantra every day. We help 20,000 children and their families every year from across Canada!

Wood's Homes has been on the Bowness campus since 1926, shortly after George and Annie purchased the 40-acre site from John Hexall, a one-time land baron. The Woods arrived with 32 orphans in tow. At that time, streetcar service did not extend to the tiny community. In exchange for service, John Hexall donated to the City of Calgary a parcel of land immediately outside the gates of the property. Today, several children from Wood's Homes and the community, regularly enjoy this site and the playground equipment on it.

The Woods played a significant role in the community of Bowness – we have many neighbours who still recall time spent with George and Annie.

This letter is in support of the Bowness Historical Society's request to name this play area, located at 9015 48 Ave. NW, the *George and Annie Wood Park* in recognition of the service that this generous couple provided to hundreds of families in our community.

Sincerely,

Jane Matheson,

CEO, Wood's Homes

cc- Bowness Historical Society



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Colin D'Costa  
Chairman, Municipal Names Committee

RE: Naming of the Park existing at 9015 – 48<sup>th</sup> Ave. N.W.

We have lived in the block east of this Park since we were married 57 1/2 years ago. Larry grew up at 9008 – 48<sup>th</sup> Ave. NW. from 1946.

The Woods Home and this playground area have been a great part of our growing up and certainly for our children and the neighbourhood children who played at this park all the time. There was an ice rink there for winter, a green space for football, soccer or any other games they could invent. The playground was used by our children and by our grandchildren. It has been an important place to just meet neighbours and their families.

It seems very appropriate that this park would be named for the founders of the Woods Christian Home. Our families also went to school with residents from there and our children played with the residents there.

We led a Cub Group there in the 50's and our Son Dwayne worked with a Youth Group there. Sheila's Mother also was a cook there in the 60's.

All of this was possible because of George and Annie Woods. Therefore we are in Support of this park being named to honour them.

Sincerely,

  
Larry and Sheila Clayden