



Calgary

Office of the Councillors

COUNCILLOR RAJ DHALIWAL

November 22, 2023

Parks & Recreation
The City of Calgary

Re: Naming of Park in Saddle Ridge

I am pleased to provide this letter in support for the request forwarded by the Gobind Marg Charitable Trust Foundation to name the park in Savanna, Saddle Ridge as **Guru Tegh Bahadur Park**.

Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur was ordained as one of the 10 Gurus and holds a high stature and prominence in the Sikh faith due to his tremendous historic and religious contributions at the time in India. He is honored and remembered as the man who championed for religious rights freedom for all faiths.

The neighborhood of Saddle Ridge is home to thousands of Sikh faith followers. The Sikh community has, and continues to make, significant contributions to the culture, economy and social fabric of Ward 5 and Calgary as a whole.

The recent census for Ward 5 shows that 27% of residents speak Punjabi, the second highest spoken language after English.

This park is located at the doorsteps of the Gobind Sarvar School, a Sikh faith private school that serves over 1200 students from these neighborhoods from grades KG to Grade 12.

The naming of this park in recognition of the significant contributions by Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur will build a stronger sense of connection, heritage and belonging among users. Moreover, this would align with the Council's policy of equity, inclusion and diversity of communities present in Ward 5.

I therefore strongly support their application for naming of this park. Please reach out to my office should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

RAJ DHALIWAL
COUNCILLOR, WARD 5



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
ALBERTA

Parmeet Singh Boparai, MLA
Calgary - Falconridge

October 24th, 2023

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to you in acknowledgement of my support for **Gobind Marg Charitable Trust Foundations'** request of the naming of a public park in Saddlepeace (Saddleridge Community, NE Calgary) to "Guru Tegh Bahadur Park".

The **Gobind Marg Charitable Trust Foundation** had been part of a previous initiative to name the entrance to Saddlepeace area of the Saddleridge community "Guru Nanak Gate" along with the current construction of a high school, adding to the amenities within this incredibly diverse area of the city. With the development of Saddlepeace, and acknowledgement of the Sikh community that resides there, they request that the park to be built in the green space be named after Guru Tegh Babadur – the 9th of 10 Gurus of the Sikh faith. The Sikh community and **Gobind Marg Charitable Society** have given much to the community and city; this is key in recognizing all that the Sikh community has done.

On behalf of **Gobind Marg Charitable Trust Foundation**, I thank you for your consideration for public park naming request. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact my office at 403.280.4022 or email at calgary.falconridge@assembly.ab.ca.

Sincerely,

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
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Gurinder Brar, MLA
Calgary – North East

To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing to express my strong support for the proposed renaming of the public greenspace at the Guru Nanak Gate in Saddlepeace, Calgary to “Guru Tegh Bahadur Park.” I believe this change holds significant cultural, historical, and community value, and will create a meaningful space for Saddlepeace residents.

The City of Calgary is growing rapidly, with new and lively communities being developed every year. In the North-East especially, we are proud to welcome many new immigrants and visible minorities who add to the unique cultural makeup of our city. The neighbourhood of Saddlepeace is home to a vibrant Sikh community, who make the city their own by sharing their culture and heritage.

Changing the name of the Saddlepeace public park to “Guru Tegh Bahadur Park” will allow Sikh residents to commemorate their heritage, and celebrate the multiculturalism that defines our city. This initiative will also encourage Sikh residents of all ages to feel a sense of pride and belonging in their neighborhood, as well as a connection to their history. Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur was a brave warrior who fought for the rights of the oppressed with humility and compassion. He is an important part of Sikh history, and a wonderful figure to be celebrated through the renaming of the park.

I believe renaming the park will foster a sense of unity and inclusivity within the Saddlepeace community by creating a space where all residents can feel a sense of belonging. I would like to commend the efforts of the Gobind Marg Charitable Trust Foundation for taking this initiative and working towards creating a welcoming and inclusive public space for all. Their dedication to this cause is commendable, and I am confident that this change will have a positive lasting impact on our community.

Thank you for your consideration, I look forward to witnessing the positive transformation that the renaming will bring to our North-East community. Please feel free to reach out to my office at calgary.northeast@assembly.ab.ca if you require any further information.

Sincerely,

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Gurinder Brar, MLA Calgary-North East