



REPORT

Council

Meeting Date: June 21, 2021

FROM: Parks and Open Space Department

DATE: June 8, 2021

SUBJECT: **New Park Names Council, June 21, 2021**

LOCATION: Town-wide

WARD: Town-wide

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RECOMMENDATION:

1. That the report titled New Park Names, dated June 8, 2021 from the Parks and Open Space Department, be received.
2. That the names of all new Parks and Open Spaces, as listed within Table 1 of the report dated June 8, 2021, be approved.

KEY FACTS:

The following are key points for consideration with respect to this report:

- In accordance with the Park Naming Procedure MS-SPR-001-005 on an annual basis staff will report to Council the names and location for all new parkland. Requests for renaming parks or open spaces is also a function of Council under the Park Naming Procedure.
- The report identifies new parks, ponds and trails that have been added to the town's asset registry as growth has occurred.
- In some instances, parkland has been named in recognition of particular person or families that were pioneer settlers in Oakville and community leaders at the time. In other cases, parkland, ponds trails or walkways have been named after the adjacent road.
- Through this report it is recommended Council approve the names of parkland as noted within Table 1 of the staff report.
- In several instances existing parkland has increased in size due to adjacent development. These are listed in Table 2 and have been added to the Town's asset registry.

BACKGROUND:

All new parks and open spaces are named throughout the parks system and the procedure for park naming is governed by the Council approved Park Naming Procedure MS-SPR-001-005 (please see attached Appendix A). Parks are added to the parks and open space system most commonly through approved development applications. On an annual basis the Director, Parks and Open Space brings forward a report to Council that itemizes the names and locations for new parks and open space areas and adds them to the parkland inventory. On some occasions a recommendation is made to rename a park.

We would highlight one proposed renaming of a park listed in Table 1 below. At the time of opening the new Oakville Trafalgar Community Center, Council also named the adjacent park area as Oakville Trafalgar Community Park. In the few months that have followed, staff have had some time to review and discuss this park name. As the town already has an existing Oakville Park and a Trafalgar Park, it is believed that the new combined name will lead to possible confusion when directing staff and/or visitors to the park location. While we understand the name has relevance to the history of the site, we believe that a different name, unique within our park inventory, would be a better alternative. In this regard, we are recommending that the park be called Reynolds Park, with its major frontage on Reynolds Street.

This report fulfills the requirement to annually report on new names for parks and open space areas.

COMMENT/OPTIONS:

New Parks and Open Space Names

Table 1

| New Park, Pond or Trail | Location | Legal Description | Rationale for Naming |
|-------------------------|---|----------------------|---|
| Saw Whet Park | 2360 Saw Whet Boulevard, on former Saw Whet golf course lands | 20M-1223 Block 477 | Park named after the former golf course, and the adjacent roadway |
| Saw Whet Pond | South side of Saw Whet Blvd, of former golf course lands | 20M – 1223 Block 476 | Pond named after the former golf course, and the adjacent roadway |

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| Merton Parkette | 1286 Merton Road, on former Saw Whet golf course lands | 20M – 1223 Block 475 | Parkette is located adjacent to Merton Road |
| Queen's Plate Parkette | 1425 Yellow Rose Circle, on former Saw Whet golf course lands | 20M – 1223 Block 484 | Parkette is adjacent to Queen's Plate Road |
| Bowbeer Parkette | 20 Bowbeer Road, at corner of Millicent Avenue | 20M-1214 Block 364 | Parkette is adjacent to Bowbeer Road and is also near to heritage Bowbeer House |
| Settlers Woods | Located on south side of Settlers Road East in the Petgor Phase 2 subdivision | 20M-1212 Block 253 | Woodlot is adjacent to Settlers Road East |
| Zachary Pond | Large pond in Petgor Phase 2 subdivision with frontages on Zachary Cres and Martin Avenue | 20M-1212 Block 252, 20R-21101, parts 1,2,5, & 10 | Adjacent to Zachary Crescent |
| Loyalist Parkette | 42 Loyalist Trail, on south side of the street; Star Oak subdivision | 20M-1221 Block 150 | Adjacent to Loyalist Trail |
| Loyalist Woods Park | 45 Loyalist Trail, on north side of the street, Star Oak subdivision | 20M-1221 Block 153 | Adjacent to Loyalist Trail |
| Everest Parkette | 1501 Everest Crescent, on north side of William Cutmore | 20M-1229 Block 164 | Adjacent to Everest Crescent |
| William Cutmore Pond | North of William Cutmore Blvd in Bressa Phase 1 subdivision | 20M-1229 Block 147 | Adjacent to William Cutmore Blvd and south of Everest Crescent |
| Reynolds Park | 345 Reynolds Street | Part Park Lots P,Q&R, Plan 1 RP 20R-21190 Part 2. | Adjacent to the new Oakville Trafalgar Community Center |
| Bronte Square | Lakeshore Road West | Plan 20R-21560 Parts 1, 2, 3 & 6 | Near intersection of Bronte and Lakeshore |
| Village Parkette | Sovereign Street | Plan 20R-21560 Parts 4, 5 & 6-9 | Near intersection of Bronte and Lakeshore |

Increased Area of Existing Parks and Open Spaces

Table 2

| Existing Park, Pond or Trail | Location | Legal Description | Rationale for Naming |
|------------------------------|---|--|--|
| Fourteen Mile Creek | | 20M-1223 Blocks 480-483, Blocks 485-491, Blocks 494,499,507 & 508 | Additional valley land transferred from the Province |
| Joshua Valley Park North | 1475 Dundas Street East (former White Oaks Golf Center) | 20M-1229 Blocks 148-149, Blocks 151-154 | Additional valley land added as part of Bressa Phase 1 subdivision development |

CONSIDERATIONS:

(A) PUBLIC

The public has not been contacted regarding the naming of new parks recommended within this report. The public will benefit in future from the parkland being named as a local point of reference for contacting the Town should the need arise.

(B) FINANCIAL

There is no financial impact associated with this report.

(C) IMPACT ON OTHER DEPARTMENTS & USERS

Departments involved in Park naming include Engineering & Construction, Heritage Planning, and Finance Operations (Asset Management).

(D) CORPORATE STRATEGIC GOALS

This report addresses the corporate strategic goal(s) to:

- Be accountable
- Provide outstanding service to our residents
- Enhance our nature environment

(E) CLIMATE CHANGE/ACTION

Naming of parkland provides convenience for the community, ensures the effective and efficient maintenance and inspection of town parkland, and tracks parkland the town's asset registry

APPENDICES:

Appendix A – Park Naming Procedure

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