

REPORT

Council

Meeting Date: June 23, 2025

FROM: Parks and Open Space Department

DATE: June 10, 2025

SUBJECT: Park Naming

LOCATION:

WARD: Town-wide

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RECOMMENDATION:

That the names of all new Parks and Open Spaces, as listed within Table 1 and Table 3 of the report dated June 10, 2025, 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 locations 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 and Table 3 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.

This report fulfills the requirement to annually report on new names for parks and open space areas. The last report on this subject was submitted on April 16, 2024, and this report covers new parkland in 2024.

COMMENT/OPTIONS:

Table 1
New Parks and Open Space Names

Existing Park, Pond or Trail	Location	Legal Description	Rationale for Naming
Akira Pond	South-west corner of Settlers Road West and Sixth Line	Plan 20M-1292, Block 22	Adjacent to Akira Trail roadway
Dartmouth Parkette	1165 Dartmouth Crescent	Plan 20M-1275, Block, 46	Adjacent to Dartmouth Crescent
John McKay Parkette	3150 John McKay Boulevard	Plan 20M-1288, Block 287	Adjacent to John McKay Boulevard
Mariner Pond	3220 Mariner Pass	Plan 20-M1272, Block 135	Adjacent to Mariner Pass roadway
Victoria Street Buffer Block	End of Victoria Street, North-east of Chalmers and Lakeshore Road	20M-1284, Block 3	Adjacent to Victoria Street

Table 2
Increased Area of Existing Parks and Open Spaces

Existing Park, Pond or Trail	Location	Legal Description	Rationale for Naming
Shannon's Creek Trail North	Dundas Street West, just west of George Savage Avenue	20M-1244 Block 4	Additional NHS area added as part of small infill development
East Joshua Creek Trail	John McKay Blvd near Courtleigh Trail	20M-1247 Block 30	Additional NHS area added as part of Dunoak Subdivision
Joshua Valley Park North	Joshua Creek, north of Dundas and east of William Cutmore	20M-1229 Block 154	Additional NHS area added as part of Bressa Subdivision
Shorewood Promenade	End of Pebbleridge Place	20M-1248 Blocks 19-21	Additional waterfront parkland added as part

			of 'Majestic Estates' development
Gladeside Pond	3035 Gladeside Avenue	20M-1244 Block 6	Walkway block connecting out to Trailside Drive

Table 3
Parks being Re-named

Old Park, Pond or Trail Name	New Park, Pond or Trail Name	Legal Description	Rationale for Re-naming
Wheat Boom Park (named after its primary road frontage)	Meadowridge Park	Block 293, Plan 20M1270	Wheat Boom Drive is currently a 3.5km collector road spanning from Sixth Line to approaching Ninth Line with two other neighbourhood parks adjacent to it. For clarity (including public and EMS identification) it is recommended to re-name the park with the secondary adjoining roadway (Meadowridge Drive).

CONSIDERATIONS:

(A) PUBLIC

The public has not been contacted regarding the naming of new parks recommended within this report. The public will benefit from parkland naming and addressing when contacting the Town regarding Parks and Open Space concerns.

(B) FINANCIAL

There is no financial impact associated with this report.

(C) IMPACT ON OTHER DEPARTMENTS & USERS

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

(D) COUNCIL STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

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

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

(E) CLIMATE CHANGE/ACTION

N/A

APPENDICES:

Appendix A – Park Naming Procedure

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