



## **Administration and Operations Committee Report**

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**To:** The Chair and Members of the Administration and Operations Committee  
**From:** Stephanie DeLaronde, Client & Business Services Supervisor  
**Date:** June 17, 2025  
**Report #:** RPT-0154-25  
**Subject:** Naming of New Parks (2), Paris  
**Purpose:** For Approval

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### **Recommendation**

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That RPT-0154-25 Naming of New Parks (2), Paris, be received as information;  
And that Council approve the listed park names for public feedback.

### **Executive Summary**

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The Parks and Recreation Asset Naming Policy is the guiding document to approve the name for recreational assets in the community. Parks and open spaces are most commonly created through approved development applications. On an as required basis, staff will bring forward a report to Council that itemizes the names and locations for new parks and/or open spaces to be approved to be posted for public feedback prior to approval and inclusion in the Parks Use By-Law 225-04.

### **Strategic Plan Priority**

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Strategic Priority 3 - Healthy, Safe, and Engaged Communities

### **Impacts and Mitigation**

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#### Social Impacts

Allowing the public to provide feedback on park name selection and be engaged in the civic process related to parks and recreation asset naming.

#### Environmental Impacts

None

#### Economic Impacts

Costs associated with the park spaces are included in the current operating or capital budgets.

## Report

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### Background

The table below outlines the proposed names for two new parks within Paris. Public consultation was completed in early 2025 and previously in 2017 by staff through the EngageBrant platform in order to gather name suggestions for new parks that would be built as land is acquired through ongoing development.

Through recent and past public engagement on EngageBrant, additional new park names have been selected and are requested to be posted for public feedback for 21 days as outlined within the parks and recreation asset naming policy.

Table 1

| <b>New Park Space</b> | <b>Location</b>  | <b>Civic Address</b>   | <b>Rationale for Naming</b>  |
|-----------------------|--|------------------------|--|
| Deer Ridge Park       | Nith Peninsula Subdivision   | 124 Gort Avenue, Paris | Subdivision lands are surrounded by Barkers Bush and are known to have many deer frequent the peninsula lands  |
| Doug Hanna Park       | Grandville subdivision, Becker St and Grandville Circle are the closest intersection | 7 Becker Street, Paris | Doug Hanna is a resident of Paris and an acclaimed member of the Paris Horticultural Society. He was awarded the Canadian Garden Hero award in 2022, Year of the Garden. Doug was also a longstanding member of the Paris Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee and had spearheaded many park projects over the years. |

### Summary and Recommendations

It is recommended that the names listed in Table 1 be approved to be posted to EngageBrant for 21 days in order to gain public feedback, as per the Parks and Recreation Asset Naming Policy, and prior to submitting names for Council approval and addition to the Parks Use By-Law 225-04.

**Attachments**

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**Reviewed By**

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Philip Mete, General Manager of Community Services

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Kathy Ballantyne, Director of Facilities & Special Projects

**By-law and/or Agreement**

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| By-law Required | No |
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| Agreement(s) or other documents to be signed by Mayor and /or Clerk | No |
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