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**REGIONAL PARKS NAMING, RENAMING, AND DEDICATIONS**

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**PURPOSE**

To provide direction for the naming, renaming, and dedication of regional parks and park features.

**DEFINITIONS**

**“Dedication”** is on-site recognition on a sign, plaque, suitable monument, or associated exhibit with an inscription recognizing a donor, civic leader, or Indigenous leader;

**“Dual Naming”** means giving a regional park or park feature two names (for example, an English language name and an Indigenous language name);

**“Naming”** means giving a regional park or park feature a name;

**“Park Features”** refers to park sites, natural features, trails, facilities and structures, portions of facilities or structures, or other regional park assets;

**“Renaming”** means replacing a current name with a new name or a dual name; and

**“Support”** means, in relation to an individual’s name, a letter of support from that person or their family (if deceased), in relation to an Indigenous language name, a council resolution (or equivalent) in support of the Indigenous language name from the First Nation or First Nations whose traditional territory includes the Regional Park.

**POLICY**

Naming, renaming, and dedication of regional parks and park features is a way to celebrate the Metro Vancouver region’s unique history and cultural diversity, and to recognize donors and those who have provided services to regional parks. Metro Vancouver’s practice is to name regional parks and park features using geography, local history, or tradition. In appropriate circumstances and in accordance with this Policy, regional parks and park features may be named, renamed, or dedicated after a donor, civic or Indigenous leader.

All regional parks and park features can be named, renamed, or dedicated.

Where an individual’s name or an Indigenous language name is proposed for naming, renaming or dedication of a regional park or a park feature, such action must be supported.

Naming, renaming or dedication may be acknowledged with a ceremony.

## **BOARD POLICY**

Any naming, renaming, or dedication must be approved by the MVRD Board.

### **Names Outside MVRD Authority**

There are park features within or associated with regional parks where MVRD does not have authority for naming. If a renaming or dual naming proposal is brought forward for a regional park feature that falls outside the jurisdiction of MVRD (e.g. a federally or provincially named place), it will be considered by the MVRD Board and if supported, a letter of support will be sent to the appropriate authority.