



**AGENDA FOR THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD IN
CONFERENCE ROOM A/B, CITY HALL, 141 WEST 14TH STREET,
NORTH VANCOUVER, BC, ON **MONDAY, JULY 21, 2025 AT 4:00 PM****

CALL TO ORDER

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Special Council Meeting Agenda, July 21, 2025

RECESS TO SPECIAL CLOSED SESSION

THAT Council recess to the Special Committee of the Whole, Closed Session, pursuant to the *Community Charter*, Sections 90(1)(g) [legal matter] and 90(1)(i) [legal advice].

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE, CLOSED SESSION

REPORT

2. Naming a New Park at 16th Street and St. Andrews Avenue
– File: 12-6120-01-0001/2025

Report: Manager, Parks and Natural Spaces, July 11, 2025

RECOMMENDATION:

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THAT staff be directed to proceed with the recommended park name “Topo Park” for the new park at 16th Street and St. Andrews Avenue.

MOTION

3. FCM – Non-Board Committee Member – File: 01-0230-20-0017/2025

Submitted by Councillor McIlroy

RECOMMENDATION:

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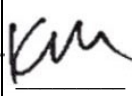

AND WHEREAS FCM's Board of Directors is comprised of elected municipal officials from all regions and sizes of communities to form a broad base of support and provide FCM with the united voice required to carry the municipal message to the federal government;

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AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council assumes all costs associated with Jessica McIlroy attending FCM meetings.

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 Department Manager	 Director	 CAO
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The Corporation of **THE CITY OF NORTH VANCOUVER**
ENGINEERING, PARKS & ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT

REPORT

To: Mayor Linda Buchanan and Members of Council

From: Alexandre Man-Bourdon, Manager, Parks and Natural Spaces

Subject: NAMING A NEW PARK AT 16TH STREET AND ST. ANDREWS AVENUE

Date: July 11, 2025 File No: 12-6120-01-0001/2025

The following is a suggested recommendation only. Refer to Council Minutes for adopted resolution.

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ATTACHMENTS

1. Civic Naming Committee Policy (CityDocs [888331](#))

SUMMARY

This report provides a recommendation to Council from the Civic Naming Committee (CNC) that the name for the new park at 16th Street and St. Andrews Avenue be "Topo Park".

BACKGROUND

Located on the corner of 16th Street and St. Andrews Avenue, this new neighbourhood park provides much needed access to park space within the park deficient Central Lonsdale area. Delivered through the development of the adjacent site, the 0.22 hectare park site is one of two new parks under development within the area, the other being at 1600 Eastern Avenue.

The new park at 16th Street and St. Andrews Avenue is defined by the sloping changes in grades across the site. In response the design takes a creative approach to the slope and uses the topography to integrate distinct features into the design. Programming elements that benefit from the site's topography include a climbing wall, large hill slide, an informal stage with sloping lawn and unique stepped seating features. As the shade trees and dense plantings grow to maturity, the site character will continue to evolve.

Construction of the park was completed in early July and an official opening of the park is scheduled for July 23, 2025.

DISCUSSION

The CNC convened on July 10, 2025, and the name "Topo Park" was selected as the preferred name to present to Council for final endorsement.

Staff comments provided in a report to the Naming Committee to support the recommendation of "Topo Park" included:

- This is a fun, modern and playful name that captures the feeling and design intent of the park.
- The name is an abbreviation of the word 'topography' which captures the inherent character of the park site. The park celebrates its topography – a dramatic 5 metre difference across the site – with many slopes, climbing walls, changes in elevation and terraces incorporated into the design.
- The word topography derives from the Greek "topo", meaning place, and "graphia", meaning to write or to record.
- Much of the City of North Vancouver is built on sloped terrain and has many unique ways it deals with its topography.
- The name is accessible and easy to pronounce for all ages, and it invites enquiry into the root of the name, which can lead to additional storytelling opportunities.

The CNC provided the following feedback in support of the name "Topo Park":

- Topo is a playful name appropriate for a playground and neighbourhood park.
- Civic names tend to be formal, but "Topo" is an easy and fun name fitting for an exciting space.

Naming of other public spaces and amenities

At the CNC meeting on July 10, 2025, the Committee recommended that the names for the new park at 1612 Eastern Avenue and the overpass at Casano Loutet, both of which will be completed in 2026, be determined by an alternative process. An alternative process would involve initiating a public process to generate or inspire ideas for names. Staff have researched other municipalities' processes that undertake engagement initiatives to seek inspiration from the community for park names. These processes foster community interest and attachment and help anchor place names with a local sense of place.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The park names would be integrated into the onsite signage and would be within the existing City-wide park furnishings and signage budget.

INTER-DEPARTMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

The Records Management and Privacy Coordinator and the Communications and Engagement team from the Office of the Deputy CAO have contributed to the proposed names.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:



Alexandre Man-Bourdon
Manager, Parks and Natural Spaces

COUNCIL POLICY

01 Corporate Administration



Policy Name	Civic Naming Committee Policy	
Policy Number	C107	
Effective Date	July 16, 2012	Revised October 21, 2013
Approved By	Council	

POLICY

The purpose of this policy is to:

1. Establish civic policy to guide the City of North Vancouver's Streets and Parks Naming Committee for the naming of parks, municipal facilities, streets and honourary roads;
2. Establish the criteria to recognize and commemorate noteworthy persons whereby the names will be placed on a Names Reserve List;
3. Establish principles for the naming of parks, municipal facilities, roads, and honourary roads;

1. GENERAL PRINCIPLES:

1. All naming shall be posthumous. Naming after living individuals is inappropriate since there could be future circumstances or difficulties that a living individual encounters in their future that leads to an inappropriate connotation for that name.
2. Naming a park, municipal facility, road or honourary road after a person shall be commensurate with the contributions made by the person during their lifetime and having regard to the person's achievements or areas of interest.
3. Written consent should be obtained from the individual's surviving family (if applicable); and,
4. A written description of the individual's contribution to the City and/or community should be reviewed by City Council.

2. NAMES RESERVE LIST

1. All naming shall be posthumous.
2. For a person's name to be added to the reserve list, the person must meet, except in extenuating circumstances, at least one of the following criteria:
 - a) A person who demonstrates excellence, courage or exceptional dedication to service in ways that brought special credit to the City of North Vancouver;
 - b) A person who volunteered and gave extraordinary help or care to individuals, families or groups, or supported community services or humanitarian causes in the City of North Vancouver;

- c) A person who fostered equality and reduced discrimination;
- d) A person who risked his or her life to save or protect others; and
- e) A person who achieved a deed or activity performed in an outstanding professional manner that brought considerable benefit or great honour to the City of North Vancouver.

3. Names, other than a person, may reflect a historical event significant to the City of North Vancouver.
4. Names, other than a person, may recognize the flora and fauna of the local area or the geographical or topographical feature of the local area.
5. Notwithstanding the above, the name of a person or a name other than a person, not identified on the "Names Reserve List" may be assigned to a park, municipal facility, road or an honorary road when unique or extenuating circumstances warrant.

3. GENERAL PRINCIPLES WHEN A NAME IS ASSIGNED TO A PARK, MUNICIPAL FACILITY, HONOURARY ROAD, STREET OR RENAMED STREET

1. Naming a park, municipal facility, street or honorary road after a person shall be commensurate with the contributions of the person being honoured and having regard to the person's achievements or areas of interest and other comparable people who have or may in the future be commemorated.
2. No municipal parks, facilities, roads or honorary roads to be named after staff members or former Council members of the Corporation of the City of North Vancouver.
3. Honorary Roads
 - a) A road, either whole or in part, may be named in honour of a person or organisation (e.g. Veteran's Way) as an honorary road. This is supplemental to the actual road name which does not change in this instance.

DOCUMENT HISTORY

Date	Action	By
July 16, 2012	Approved	Council
October 21, 2013	Amended	Council

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