



Regent Par 3 Park Naming

Date	November 28, 2023
To	Regina Planning Commission
From	City Planning & Community Development
Service Area	Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services
Item No.	RPC23-31

RECOMMENDATION

The Regina Planning Commission recommends that City Council:

1. Designate the name Māmowimīwēyitamōwin Park (Ma mo we me way ee ta mo win) for the lands formerly known as the Regent Par 3 golf course and Regent Pool Park.
2. Approve this recommendation at its meeting on December 6, 2023.

ISSUE

In response to direction from Council to rename the former Regent Par 3 Golf Course and Regent Pool Park to a single name with an Indigenous connection (Report CR22-3), Administration worked with Life Speakers, Pipe Carriers, Helpers and Administrators from the File Hills Qu'Appelle Tribal Council (FHQ Tribal Council) to recommend the name Māmowimīwēyitamōwin Park, which is Cree for gathering of joy and happiness.

IMPACTS

Financial Impact

All costs related to the naming of these lands have been accounted for within the existing park redevelopment budget.

Policy/Strategic Impact

The City's Strategic Priorities recognize the relationship we all share with the land. This recognition is an acknowledgement to the community we serve and ourselves that we, the City, have a collective responsibility to ensure the land's use and viability for future generations is looked after. The City acknowledges that the renaming of the park reinforces an Indigenous worldview and that our relationship with the land is foundational – that our respect and care for this relationship informs us and influences our decision making.

Designating the name Māmowimīwēyitamōwin Park for these lands aligns with the City's Strategic Priority of Community Safety & Well-being and its goal "We create a healthier and more inclusive community" and the strategy to "Advance diversity, equity, inclusion and accessibility."

The Civic Naming Committee Guideline was established to provide a framework for the naming and renaming of parks and streets, where the sponsorship and naming rights policy does not apply.

Using the principles from the Guideline helped to ensure the recommended name supports the objectives of the *Regina Cultural Plan*, to "ensure that the naming of streets, parks and other civic assets is done to celebrate Regina's unique history and cultural diversity and that it tells the whole story of Regina" and Reconciliation Commission's Calls. This name and the naming process specifically link to Calls 14 and 57.

There are no accessibility, environmental, labour, legal/risk or other impacts.

OTHER OPTIONS

Deny the name and refer the report back to Administration to work with the Indigenous Community, the Community Association and the Zone Board to select another name to bring forward for consideration. This is not recommended as the proposed name is the result of an in-depth engagement process and was thoughtfully chosen through Indigenous ceremony.

COMMUNICATIONS

The name Māmowimīwēyitamōwin Park has been submitted to the Civic Naming Committee and approved for use. Once approved for use by the Civic Naming Committee, in accordance with park naming procedures, the name was shared with the Coronation Park Community Association (CPCA) and the North Zone Board, as representatives of their residents and recreation zone. The CPCA responded in support of the name.

If the name is approved by Council, the new park will include three park signs (one at each main entrance) each with a decal that explains the history of the park and how to pronounce the name in Cree. The decal will also include a mechanism to access recordings of Elders, Life Speakers and language speakers saying the name or its translation in each of the Treaty 4 languages as well as Michif.

In June 2024, the City will host a community celebration for the new park including an unveiling of the park signs.

DISCUSSION

Based on Council's decision that the space should have a name with an Indigenous connection, Administration reached out to FHQ Tribal Council for guidance. FHQ Tribal Council invited staff to attend a meeting of their Life Speakers Council, which is a group of prominent community Elders, Knowledge Keepers, and past tribal political figures, often called upon for guidance. At the meeting staff shared a presentation about the park and asked for guidance on how to undertake a naming process for this space. Direction was provided to initiate the naming process with a Pipe Ceremony at City Hall.

The pipe ceremony was attended by Mayor Masters, project staff, members of senior Administration, a senior FHQ administrator and members of the Life Speakers Council, the Pipe Carrier and helpers. In follow up, project staff met at White Raven Healing Centre in Fort Qu'Appelle with the FHQ Tribal Council Culture Team. The FHQ Tribal Council Culture Team recommended that Pipe Carriers representing the Treaty Four language groups, along with the Life Speakers Council be invited to tour the park and engage in a Pipe Ceremony to find a name. Administration also reached out to the Metis Nation to invite Metis Old Ones to attend the event. The tour and Pipe Ceremony were held on July 19 in the City's tipi which had been erected in the park. The name Māmowimīwēyitamōwin, meaning gathering of joy and happiness in the Cree language, was given to the space at the Ceremony.

The name is intended to reflect the feelings of children and members of the community as they gather and play at the park's many amenities.

The process involved input from 25 Elders, Knowledge Keepers, Pipe Carriers and Language Speakers through Indigenous protocols and Ceremony and the selected name is supported by the Coronation Park Community Association. The name aligns with the Civic Naming Guideline and celebrates Regina's cultural diversity. For these reasons, Administration recommends approval to assign the name Māmowimīwēyitamōwin Park to the lands formerly known as The Regent Par 3 Golf Course and Regent Pool Park.

DECISION HISTORY

In accordance with the Open Space Park Naming Policy and Procedures, City Council approval is required to name park spaces.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Laurie Shalley, Director
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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Deborah Bryden".

Deborah Bryden, Executive Director
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