



COMMISSIONER ENQUIRIES – SUMMARY REPORT

Date Received	Topic	Submitted By	Summary of request	Board Update
May 27, 2024	Update on Park Naming Policy	Commissioner Jensen	<p>Following a recent comment by Mayor Sim on Friday, May 24, 2024, regarding the recent naming of the PNE Ampitheater ("We have over 250 parks and literally hundreds of buildings all looking for naming.") Based upon these comments, can staff provide an update on the ongoing Park Naming Policy?</p> <p>Additionally, do these comments change the work being done by DAC and other Park Board staff to continue to support the naming and renaming opportunities as outlined to the Board on April 9, 2024 titled "Park Board Reconciliation Strategies Update"?</p>	<p>There are two independent processes for park naming depending on the park: "typical" naming, or local Indigenous naming. The Park Naming Policy work has been completed for "typical" naming. Musqueam, Squamish and Tlseil-Waututh Band Offices have confirmed agreement with our proposed approach to test a process for local Indigenous naming to establish appropriate protocols. Two of the unnamed parks have been used as pilots: sθəqəlxenəm ts'exwts'áxwi7 and the park at Oakridge, whose name will be unveiled with the park opening. With a successful process approved by MST Band Offices, and as we near the end of the naming process for Oakridge, staff should be ready before the end of the year to bring the policy to the Board for discussion and approval.</p>