REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO

POLICY

SUBJECT:	Parks Naming (Recreation & Parks)	POLICY NO: CROSS REF.:	C1.3
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PURPOSE

To establish guidelines for the naming of parks.

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Community Parks

The park site being named should relate to a "constant" feature either nearby or within that park. This could be a geographical feature or a bordering street name.

When no such "constant" feature is present or when it is desired to honour a person posthumously, who was important to the community, a park may be named for that person. That person must be proven to have contributed substantially to the community either through service or through the donation of land for parks. The group requesting the naming must demonstrate that a substantial portion of the community is in agreement either through a petition or similar process.

When it is desired to commemorate a historical event, a park may be named for that event provided the group requesting the naming demonstrates acceptance among a substantial portion of the community through a petition or similar process.

Regional Parks

In general, Regional Parks are set aside for their significant geographical features and should be named for that feature. An example in the Regional District of Nanaimo would be Benson Creek Falls Regional Park, which is named for the geographical feature for which the park was set aside.

Regional Parks should be named after people only when that person has donated the land for the park and when that person specifically requests that the park be named after them.