

Engage Resource Unit

Renaming James Short Park and Parkade – Themes from Name Suggestions

Below is a list themes from the name suggestions and ideas submitted as part of the public engagement for the [Renaming of James Short Park and Parkade](#).

NAME SUGGESTIONS:

1. Names that represent harmony, unity and other virtues that benefit society and in ways that acknowledges Chinese and Indigenous communities. (TOTAL: 18)

- **Harmony in Balance/Harmony (3)**

Verbatim Comments:

- Harmony
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- Harmony in Balance Park to recognize the community values of the Blackfoot Nation and Chinese Canadians that have occupied the space.

- **Benevolence/Benevolent (3)**

Verbatim Comments:

- Benevolence Park. Benevolence has the following meanings 1. disposition to do good 2. A kind act/gift or the doing of kind things for others
- Benevolent Park (similar to Sien Lok Park). Should not name it after a person, but "values" instead.
- Park of Benevolence 仁愛公園, reflecting the central value of Confucius' philosophy, encourages kindness, charity and humanism in a community.

- **Unity/Great Unity Park (3)**

**Please note: Unity Park already exists in Calgary and cannot be used.*

Verbatim Comments:

- The Chinese community in Calgary should make the decision, but Great Unity is a nice thought. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Great_Unity
- 「和園」 wish to express same 'unity, together in harmony' in the Blackfoot language + use Indigenous symbols to recognise Treaty 7 territories
- Scanned Submission (translated): Unity is the important precursor to peace and development. To reflect on history to gain future success.

- **Peace/Hope (3)**

Verbatim Comments:

- Peace park
- 和平 (Peace in traditional Chinese.)
- I think we should rename James Short park to 希望公園 or Xīwàng gōngyuán in English it translates to "Hope Park."

- **Everyone Welcome/Together (2)**

Verbatim Comments:

- "Everyone Welcome" - Chinatown today welcomes everyone. Historically, Chinese immigrants & indigenous folk not truly welcomed. Aspirational.

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- 一起 Park. 一起 means together in Chinese. I think it will symbolize the fact that the rest of Calgary and China town can work together.
- **Solidarity (1)**
Verbatim Comments:
 - Solidarity Park. I think this name is fitting as we need to stand in solidarity to counter racism. We need to embrace differences.
- **Diversity (1)**
Verbatim Comments:
 - "Diversity Park" ... Canada has come a long ways to abolish racism, hatred and discrimination and we still have more to achieve.
- **One World Park (1)**
Verbatim Comments:
 - "One World Park" The Olympic motif ONE WORLD was displayed at the closing ceremonies at the Beijing Olympics. It fosters inclusivity.

2. Names that recognize well known historic leaders (TOTAL: 12)

- **Historic Chinese Figure (3)**
Verbatim Comments:
 - Chinese Calgarian - historic figure
 - A well-known Chinese community leader
 - A well-known Chinese community leader
- **George Ho Lem (2)**
Verbatim Comments:
 - George Ho Lem Park-Community champion, fought to help merchants showcase BBQ meats and preserved Chinatown from the 12-lane roadway.
 - George Ho Lem Park. It seems fitting to replace the name of one councillor with the name of Calgary's first Chinese councillor.
- **Norman 'Normie' Kwong (2)**
Verbatim Comments:
 - Norman Lim Kwong, former Lt. Governor of Alberta.
 - Use Normie Kwong Park and Parkade for this location
- **Louie Kheong (1)**
Verbatim Comment:
 - Rename in the honour of "Louie Kheong", someone significant to Calgary's Chinese community.
- **Yeung, King Ning / Yang, Jing Nan 杨景南 (1)**
Verbatim Comment:
 - The older generation has said that YEUNG, KING NING / YANG, JING NAN (杨景南) made great contributions for Chinatown. I propose using his name.
- **Douglas Jung Park (1)**
Verbatim Comment:

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- **J.C. Herdman Park (Knox Church Pastor in late 1880s) (1)**

Verbatim Comment:

- AJA 6 suggests: Lunar Park, Dragon Park, Centre St. Park, J.C. Herdman Park, Flander's Trail Park, Héping Park, Fù Park, and Blossom Park! *Added by Engage for context: (https://presbyterian.ca/magazines/pc_Issue9_Spring2019/files/basic-html/page10.html)*

- **The park formerly known as James Short Park (like Prince) (1)**

Verbatim Comment:

- To be honest, I kind of like the name "The park formerly known as James Short Park". (Like Prince;) Acknowledge but do not glorify him.

3. Names that recognize the physical location or shape and original name of school. (TOTAL: 8)

- **Central/Centre Park (7)**

Verbatim Comments:

- Dragon parking; Chinatown parking; Center park parking; Center street parking
- Centre parkade
- [1] "Fourth & Centre Park/Parkade." Should not tie to "Chinatown" because location is not in Chinatown.
- Centre Street Park & Parkade. We have Centre Street Bridge, make sense to have "Centre Street" Park.
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- AJA 6 suggests: Lunar Park, Dragon Park, Centre St. Park, J.C. Herdman Park, Flander's Trail Park, Héping Park, Fù Park, and Blossom Park!
- Circle park. Either that or Central Park. 好运 also could work. I also agree that it should not be named after a person.

- **Circle (1)**

Verbatim Comment:

- Circle park. Either that or Central Park. 好运 also could work. I also agree that it should not be named after a person.

4. Names that recognize Chinese zodiac and lineage from Dragons. (TOTAL: 6)

- **Dragon/ Year of the Dragon/ Woo long (reclining dragon) – (5)**

Verbatim Comments:

- i think we should name the park year of dragon park to celerbrate chiniese new years park
- year of dragon park
- What about "The Muze" Park or "Muze" or "Dragon Park... we love the neighbourhood coffee shop!
- AJA 6 suggests: Lunar Park, Dragon Park, Centre St. Park, J.C. Herdman Park, Flander's Trail Park, Héping Park, Fù Park, and Blossom Park!

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- SIMPLIFIED: Wolong park, 卧龙公园, 公园在水畔, 也在唐人街区, 中华民族是龙的传人, 龙宜居水边, 取寓意华人在卡尔加里的这方土壤上生生不息, 源源绵长 Translation: shares that because Chinese people are descendants of dragons, and that the park is on the waterfront that they suggest the name Woolong for the park which means reclining dragon
- **Year of the Tiger – (1)**
Verbatim Comments:
 - TIGER PARK / TIGER PARKADE In honor of the year of the tiger.

5. Names that recognize local business, area or good luck. (TOTAL: 6)

- **Fù Park (2)**
Verbatim Comments:
 - AJA 6 suggests: Lunar Park, Dragon Park, Centre St. Park, J.C. Herdman Park, Flander's Trail Park, Héping Park, Fù Park, and Blossom Park!
 - Fu park/good luck fortune park
- **Muze Park (1)**
Verbatim Comment:
 - What about "The Muze" Park or "Muze" or "Dragon Park... we love the neighbourhood coffee shop!
- **Huaxia Park, this is from 华夏 (1)**
Verbatim Comment:
 - I would suggest: Huaxia Park, this is from 华夏, which is the name of the beginning of China and represents all the people with Chinese blood.
- **Héping Park (1)**
Verbatim Comment:
 - AJA 6 suggests: Lunar Park, Dragon Park, Centre St. Park, J.C. Herdman Park, Flander's Trail Park, Héping Park, Fù Park, and Blossom Park!
- **Mill Woods Valley Park (1)**
Verbatim Comment:
 - Mill Woods Valley Park

6. Chinatown/ Calgary Chinatown (TOTAL: 5)

- Verbatim Comments:
- Dragon parking; Chinatown parking; Center park parking; Center street parking
 - Chinatown Park. It is close to Chinatown. Easy name to remember. It could have Eastern landscaping. (included in park ideas)
 - Chinatown parkade.
 - 卡城華埠停車場. Calgary Chinatown Parkade.
 - Chinatown Park and Parkade

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7. Names that recognize the contributions of Chinese Railway workers (TOTAL: 5)

- **Chinese Railway Workers/ Railway Pioneer Park (4)**

Verbatim Comments:

- I want to name the park to remember the contribution of Chinese railway workers in Canada in history. Or Douglas Jung Park.
- chinese railway workers park
- Chinese Railway Workers Park
- Railway Pioneer's Memorial Park

- **Pioneer's Trail Park (1)**

Verbatim Comment:

- AJA 6 suggests: Lunar Park, Dragon Park, Centre St. Park, J.C. Herdman Park, Flander's Trail Park, Héping Park, Fù Park, and Blossom Park!

8. Names that recognize stars and connection between Chinese and Indigenous communities. (TOTAL: 4)

- **North by East Star Park/North Star/Polaris Park (3)**

Verbatim Comments:

- AJA 6 suggests: Lunar Park, Dragon Park, Centre St. Park, J.C. Herdman Park, Flander's Trail Park, Héping Park, Fù Park, and Blossom Park!
- North by East Star Park --in 3 languages: Blackfoot, Chinese & English. Name is allusion to where immigrants came from to Calgary Chinatown
- Polaris Park, or North Star Park, (or if there's an Indigenous name or word for North Star such as X-Park) and the Chinese can be (北) 極星公園

- **Lunar (1)**

Verbatim Comment:

- AJA 6 suggests: Lunar Park, Dragon Park, Centre St. Park, J.C. Herdman Park, Flander's Trail Park, Héping Park, Fù Park, and Blossom Park!

9. Names that honour Chinese community efforts for democracy. (TOTAL: 3)

- **Freedom and Democracy Square 民主自由講場 (2)**

Verbatim Comments:

- "Freedom and Democracy Square 民主自由講場" - to commemorate millions of Chinese escaping China, Hong Kong, Macau for decades to find it in Canada
- Freedom with Hong Kong Park

- **Goddess of Democracy Square (1)**

Verbatim Comment:

- "Goddess of Democracy Square 民主女神廣場" to commemorate the millions of Chinese souls lost to the pursuit of democracy, freedom and liberty

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10. Names that acknowledge nature. (TOTAL: 2)

- **Nature Land (1)**

Verbatim Comment:

- Nature Land Park is what I think because there is lots of nature around that part of the land. (us, birds, trees,. etc.)

- **Blossom Park (1)**

Verbatim Comment:

- AJA 6 suggests: Lunar Park, Dragon Park, Centre St. Park, J.C. Herdman Park, Flander's Trail Park, Héping Park, Fù Park, and Blossom Park!

IDEA SUGGESTIONS:

- **Artwork (Total: 6)**

- Installation
- Sculptural Art
- Family of Man Figures from Old Calgary Board of Education Site
- Use circular stones to showcase diversity
- Murals on the wall of Parkade
- Traditional Chinese art themed for astronomy

- **Landscaping/Enhance Park Features (Total: 6)**

- Build on circular stones
- Eastern landscaping
- Increase exit or entrance into Chinatown
- Chinese Garden
- Benches

- **Plaque/Signage (Total: 5)**

- To explain history or share about prominent people
- Territorial acknowledgement
- Name in Chinese characters
- Explain history of park
- Banners

- **Event/Activities (Total: 3)**

- Parade
- Lantern making
- Opening with fireworks and dragons

- **No idea suggested/other (Total: 3)**

- Idea not for park
- "Ideas already mentioned are all very good. The Our Chosen Land exhibit in the Cultural Centre could be updated and given a higher profile."
- Comment about creating harmony