



## COUNCIL REPORT

To: Mayor and Council

Date: July 8, 2025

From: Ron Bowles, Chief Administrative Officer

Subject: **New Parks – Proposed Names**

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### **RECOMMENDATION:**

**THAT** Council name the acquired park, located at Plan EPP89446 Lot 2 District Lot 2600 and Lot B Plan EPP80014 District Lot 2601 Osoyoos Division of Yale District, Shannon Lake North Park;

**AND THAT** Council name the acquired park, located at Lot 83 District Lot 4227 Osoyoos Division of Yale District Plan EPP100539, Cabernet Park;

**AND THAT** Council name the utility lot being managed as a park located between 3284 and 3298 Vineyard View Drive, Rhyolite Park;

**AND THAT** Council name the acquired park, located at Lot 2, District Lot 486 Osoyoos Division of Yale District Plan EPP49260, Gossett Park.

### **STRATEGIC AREA(S) OF FOCUS**

**Invest in Infrastructure** – We will invest in building, improving and maintaining infrastructure to meet the needs of, and to provide a high quality of life for, current and future generations.

**Strengthen Our Community** – We will provide opportunities for the residents of West Kelowna to build connections, celebrate successes, embrace the community's strengths and diversity, address shared needs, and contribute to shaping the community's future.

## BACKGROUND & DISCUSSION

### Park 1: Proposed Name - *Shannon Lake North Park*

The City acquired 0.82 hectares on the north side of Shannon Lake for park purposes (Attachment 1 – Map 1). This acquisition was the result of the rezoning of two properties (Z 16-09 & Z 18-04). The park is currently under construction in accordance with approved park plans. Park features include a parking lot, landscaping, fencing, benches, picnic tables, lake side trails, and a fishing dock (pending Provincial approval).

In accordance with the criteria outlined in the Parks Naming Policy (Attachment 2), it is recommended that the acquired park at Plan EPP89446 Lot 2 District Lot 2600 and Lot B Plan EPP80014 District Lot 2601 Osoyoos Division of Yale District be named as “Shannon Lake North Park”.

The Parks Naming Policy states that *when selecting a Park or park feature name, consider the following in order of priority:*

*a. use of a constant physical reference, such as a geographical feature*

This park is located on the north shore of Shannon Lake, the recommended name was chosen to orient visitors to the north side of the lake and to avoid confusion with Shannon Lake Regional Park located on the south shore of Shannon Lake.

### Park 2: Proposed Name - *Cabernet Park*

The City has also acquired 2.27 hectares on the south side of Mount Boucherie for park purposes (Attachment 1 – Map 2). This acquisition is the result of the subdivision of Phase V of the Victor Projects Uplands development (Sub 17-19). As part of a larger trail and park network outlined in the South Mount Boucherie Concept Development Plan, this park includes a trail head staging area and parking lot for public access.

In accordance with the criteria outlined in the Parks Naming Policy (Attachment 2), it is recommended that the acquired park at Lot 83 District Lot 4227 Osoyoos Division Yale District Plan EPP100539 be named as “Cabernet Park”.

The Parks Naming Policy states that *when selecting a Park or park feature name, consider the following in order of priority:*

*a. use of a constant physical reference, such as [an] adjacent street*

This park is located on Cabernet Way, the recommended name was chosen to help guide visitors to the park.

### Park 3: Proposed Name - *Rhyolite Park*

The City has a utility lot on Vineyard View Drive (Attachment 1 – Map 3) that has recently been enhanced to serve a dual purpose: utility use and as a neighborhood park. Modest

improvements such as the addition of trees, a bench, upgraded irrigation, have transformed the lot, supporting its inclusion into the City's parks inventory. As such, it will be maintained at a basic service level, focused on seasonal upkeep, rather than the higher standards associated with fully developed parks.

In accordance with the criteria outlined in the Parks Naming Policy (Attachment 2), it is recommended that the utility lot being managed as park, located between 3284 and 3298 Vineyard View Drive, be named as "Rhyolite Park".

The Parks Naming Policy states that *when selecting a Park or park feature name, consider the following in order of priority:*

*b. historical or cultural association with the site*

The park is located on Vineyard View Drive, however, there is already a Vineyard View Park close by. The recommended name was chosen to avoid confusion with the existing park and to highlight the natural history of Mount Boucherie as an extinct volcano. Rhyolite is one of two major volcanic rock forms that dominate the geology of the area (Roed, 2004).<sup>1</sup>

#### Park 4: Proposed Name – Gossett Park

The City acquired this lot in Westbank Centre for park purposes (Attachment 1 – Map 4). While the park's primary purpose is still being determined, naming the park at this time will support its integration into the City's parks inventory and assist with future planning.

The Parks Naming Policy states that *when selecting a Park or park feature name, consider the following in order of priority:*

*a. use of a constant physical reference, such as [an] adjacent street*

This park is located on the corner of Gossett Road and Elliott Road. The recommended name was chosen to direct users to the park.

## **CONCLUSION**

The recommended names for the new parks have been made in accordance with the Parks Naming Policy to reduce confusion, aid wayfinding, and highlight the City's unique natural history and geography.

PowerPoint: Yes ☐ No ☒

Attachments:

- 1) Park Location Maps
- 2) Parks Naming Policy

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<sup>1</sup> Roed, M.A. (2004). Okanagan Geology. Kelowna: Kelowna Geology Committee