

APPLICATION FOR RE-NAMING A CITY PARK OR FACILITY FORM

Submit form to: City of Owen Sound, c/o Briana Bloomfield,
808 2nd Avenue East, Owen Sound, ON N4K 2H4, 519-376-4440 Ext. 1247 or e-mail
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A. APPLICANT INFORMATION (can be an individual or organization)		
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Address [REDACTED]		Email [REDACTED]
City Owen Sound	Postal Code N4K 6S8	Province ON
Telephone Number Work: [REDACTED]		Telephone Number Home: [REDACTED]
B. PROPOSED RE-NAMING OF PARK OR FACILITY		
Current Name of Park or Facility Ryerson Park		
Proposed Name of Park or Facility Old School Park		
Address 805 5th Ave E		
C. REASONS IN SUPPORT OF RE-NAMING -please refer to Policy CS-087		
<p>Using the space provided, please accurately and completely document the reasons in support of re-naming (including primary sources) while referencing Policy CS-087. Please attach additional pages if necessary.</p> <p>The City removed the signage from Ryerson Park in 2021 out of concern that it would become the target of vandalism. Following the discovery of possible child graves at an Indian Residential School in Kamloops, the statue of Egerton Ryerson at the university bearing his name, (now renamed Toronto Metropolitan University) was defaced with red paint and removed.</p> <p>The lack of signage means that unlike other parks, there is no notice that says "in case of emergency, call 911 and tell them your location is Ryerson Park, 805 5th Ave E."</p> <p>The park remains Ryerson Park on the City's website, but there is no signage – suggesting that the City is still conflicted about community feelings. Many of us find honouring Ryerson is not in the spirit of reconciliation that the City claims others feel the nostalgia of family attending Ryerson School across the road, for which the park was named. The school is now an apartment building.</p> <p>My suggestion of Old School Park is that the name recognizes the sentiment of the park's history without the baggage of the Ryerson name. It notes a landmark (as per the re-naming policy), and acknowledges the nature of the redeveloped neighbourhood park - "old school" – throwing a ball, sliding on small sliding hills, sitting on a bench in the shade of mature trees, and swinging on swings.</p>		

D. SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

July 25, 2024

Date

Signature

E. CITY USE

Date Received

Date Application Deemed Complete

Signature

Resubmission Date

F. APPLICATION INFORMATION**Return Application to:**

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