

Attn:

Hon. Jyoti Gondek Mayor,
City of Calgary
&
Hon. Raj Dhaliwal Councilor,
City of Calgary

Subject: Proposing a name for the new Community Park in Saddlepeace NE

Dear Ms. Gondek & Mr. Dhaliwal,

Greetings from the Sikh community! The city of Calgary is growing at a greater pace and there are various new communities that are being developed and beautified with parks and playgrounds, especially in the northeast. As you are already aware that most of our Sikh community resides in the Northeast and continues to contribute to the City of Calgary and Canada in various ways. We (the Sikh community at large) has a humble request to make which we are sure you will accept without hesitation. We would greatly appreciate you taking some time to consider the **community's request mentioned below.**

The new community, "Saddlepeace", has been recently developed with all the facilities in the northeast. Gobind Sarvar High School on Guru Nanak Gate is running very successfully in the same community with the purpose of serving the people of the northeast, especially young minds and encouraging them to become global citizens. There is a beautiful public park located in **Saddlepeace which is under construction and we are humbly requesting you to change its name to "Guru Teg Bahadur Park"**. This would help our children to be proud of their Sikh heritage and to stay connected to their Sikh roots and at the same time inspire others to get to know Guru Tegh Bahadur Sahib, who sacrificed himself out to compassion and love for the whole humanity to save another religion. The main purpose of Sikh Religion is to spread the message of oneness and what could be a better way of having children from all different faiths/religion and cultures to play and teach each other about their heritage.

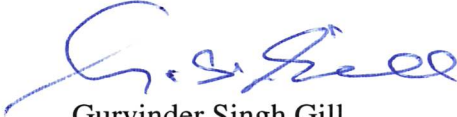
Brief History of the 9th Guru: Sri Guru Teg Bahadur Ji was born on April 1, 1621, in Amritsar, Punjab and is the ninth out of ten gurus who preached Sikh religion. He guided his followers to stay peaceful and content by being happy with what they had and to protect the weak, even at the cost of their own lives. He stood up against forcible conversions of Hindus at the time by the Mughals and was publicly executed in 1675 at Chandni Chowk (Delhi). It was the first time in mankind's history that someone sacrificed their body for the sake of another religion. **This selfless act, out of compassion, inspires us to rise above the differences in religions and fight against injustice.**

Therefore, naming the park after Sri Guru Teg Bahadur Sahib Ji will be a great honor to the entire Sikh Community all over the world. The entire Sikh community will always be indebted to you for accepting our request.

We are attaching a sheet with signatures from people in the community.

Thank You,
Gobind Marg Charitable Trust Foundation


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(President)


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