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**CITY OF KELOWNA**  
**MEMORANDUM**

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**Date:** April 12, 2006  
**File No.:** 6130-11  
**To:** Ron Born, City Manager  
**From:** Joe Creron, Parks Manager  
**Subject:** Naming of Mission Recreation Park Wetland and Walking Trail  
Prepared by: Terry Barton

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**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

THAT the Mission Recreation Park wetland be named the "Thomson Marsh".

THAT the meandering gravel walking trail that parallels the Mission Recreation Park Wetland from Gordon Drive to the Mission Creek Greenway be named the "Thomson Trail".

**BACKGROUND**

The Thomson Family has made a number of significant contributions to the City over the years. The prominent pioneering family has been farming in Kelowna for four generations and they continue the tradition on the property just south of the park. Through the past century, the family has generated a legacy of community participation and contribution in environment, agriculture, history and sports. Most recently, as part of the Mission Recreation Park land assembly, the Thomson's donated 1.8 ha (4.5 acres) to the BC Nature Trust for the protection of the wetland area.

Naming the wetland and trail as illustrated by Enclosure I in honour of the Thomson Family will recognize their civic contributions. It has the support of the community, including the Mission Residents Association, the Central Okanagan Naturalists Club and School District #23 and is in keeping with the park naming policy.

This recognition will be achieved through the installation of interpretive signage and/or bronze plaques.

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Joe Creron  
Parks Manager

Attachments

Cc David Graham, Director of Recreation, Parks and Culture



Future connection to the  
Mission Creek Greenway

Thomson Trail

Thomson Marsh

**Enclosure I**

April 19, 2006