

New Community Park on Wheathill Street

Proposed Park Names

This park is being developed in cooperation with the Conseil des écoles catholiques du Centre-Est (CECCE) and the Conseil des écoles publiques de l'Est de l'Ontario (CEPEO) at the same time as the construction of the two French secondary high schools. The park and school grounds are being designed as a campus of complimentary public spaces. In an effort to preserve and celebrate francophone culture in Kingston, the following names are being considered for the future community park on Wheathill Street:

Parc de la Francophonie

Parc Paul Demers

Parc Louis de Frontenac

Parc Gaétan Gervais

Parc Gérard Bessette

Parc de la Franco-Ontario



Paul Demers



March 9, 1956 – October 29, 2016:

- Canadian singer-songwriter
- He was best known for writing the song "Notre place", which came to be recognized as an anthem of the Franco-Ontarian community

Gaétan Gervais



August 10, 1944 – October 20, 2018

- Canadian author, historian and university professor
- With a group of university students at Laurentian University, he designed the Franco-Ontarian Flag, and was a founding member of the Franco-Ontarian Institute

Louis de Frontenac



May 22, 1622 – November 28, 1698

- The governor general of New France in the 1600's
- He established a number of forts on the Great Lakes, including Fort Frontenac

Gérard Bessette



February 25, 1920 – February 21, 2005

- He was a French-Canadian writer, literary critic and educator
- He taught at the Royal Military College of Canada and Queen's University

