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District of North Vancouver renames neighbourhoods, can't decide on William Griffin

Council to debate new name for Edgemont community recreation centre

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You can call them whatever you like, but as far as the District of North Vancouver is concerned, the Lower Capilano and Lower Lynn neighbourhoods will now be known as Lions Gate and Lynn Creek, respectively.

The district's committee of the whole approved the names on Monday night but one other North Shore feature still doesn't have a set name:

Other names considered by council members for the centre, which is expected to open in 2016: Queens, Edgemont, Mosquito Creek and Delbrook (though only the last two made the short list.)

While he found Lions Gate to be a "very good" name for the soon-to-be developed area north of Marine Drive at Capilano Road, and Lynn Creek "somewhat obvious and uninteresting," Coun. Roger Bassam stood opposed to calling the community centre Delbrook mainly because it "is not located in Delbrook." he said.

Given that it is south of Queens Road, the centre is technically in the Westview neighbourhood, he added, and the name appears to be a throwback to the former Delbook High School.

"While I recognize there are a lot of people in the community who have strong ties to Delbrook High School and Delbrook in general, I don't think it's the appropriate name for that community recreation centre," he said.

Under the district's naming policy, l**ocal geography, history and culture are meant to be the criteria (http://www.nsnews.com /news/district-of-north-vancouver-to-name-new-neighbourhoods-1.1968330)** for council to choose from.

It will be up to district council to finalize the Lions Gate and Lynn Creek names and debate a new name for the rec centre at the July 27 meeting.

Once adopted by council, the names will be the go-to handle for public utilities, government agencies, emergency responders, internal departments, Google Maps and other groups as needed.