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Hi everyone,

Just completed and sent off the online delegation request form, but thought I'd take a couple more minutes to share a little background to my request.

I know there's been some ongoing discussion happening about the possibility of naming or re-naming a park in Jim Egan's name. I strongly support recognizing Jim's advocacy for gay rights and the work he accomplished during the 12 years he served as representative for Area B on the CSRD, and have had a number of conversations with various groups and individuals about this. While there's been a lot of support expressed for the idea, it doesn't seem to be gathering much momentum.

After conversations with a number of members of CV Pride and the CV Queer Centre, as well as with people (elders mostly) who'd been friends with Jim and John, and others who'd connected with Jim through their involvement in various local organizations, I had a thought:

*What about hosting a gathering of maybe 25 or 30 people to share a few stories and memories - and do a little brainstorming TOGETHER about how our community might honour Jim's accomplishments and contributions?*

So with the blessings and support of the groups and people I've spoken with, I've decided to go for it! 🌱

I'm hopeful that because this issue is one that's been given consideration by Council, you might consider waiving the cost of renting the Evergreen Seniors Lounge from 11 until 3 pm on Sunday, March 29th (including use of kitchen for preparing beverages and a light lunch). I've been keeping my fingers crossed that the date and time is still available - and just now, as I was about to send this off to you, received a call saying that yes, Peggy it's available and booked!

Several communities in Canada and the US (and I'm sure elsewhere) have created welcoming spaces in honour of local gay rights advocates - including outdoor gathering places, gardens and parks - and examples of a few of those are in this image:



I'm confident that together, we can do this, too - and really looking forward to moving the idea forward. 🌱

Hope to see you next week, and **that some of you'll be able to join us on the 29th!**

Peggy