

Reminder: St. Mark's Church Renaming



Dear Duranders,

We hope this message finds you well. We wanted to share an important update from the DNA Board of Directors regarding the renaming of St. Mark's Church.

During our recent meeting on Wednesday, February 21, we discussed the renaming of this historical site, considering its significance to our community. As many of you know, the DNA has played a pivotal role in preserving this property as a valuable community space.

After thoughtful deliberation, one name that resonated strongly with us is "**Durand Common**." The term "Common," defined as "a piece of open land for public use," reflects our vision for this space as a shared resource for everyone. Additionally, "Durand" pays homage to the community that has advocated for over three decades to safeguard this area for the neighbourhood.

We understand that while some may always refer to it as St. Mark's, it's essential that the name reflects the collective identity of our community. Your voice matters in this decision-making process.

If you support the name "Durand Common," we encourage you to participate in the survey. The deadline for voting is March 1, so there's still time to make your voice heard. [Simply click here to access the survey.](#)

If you wish to suggest another name, please select the "suggest a name" tab within the survey tool.

We appreciate your participation, together let's shape the future of our community spaces.

Warm Regards,

Roberta Harman, President

On behalf of the Durand Neighbourhood Association

For more information on the history of St. Mark's Church and the efforts to preserve it, [please refer to the document linked here.](#)