

Admin Report - Civic Naming Committee - Fourth Quarter Report 2019.docx

ISSUE

The purpose of this report is to consider naming requests to ensure they meet City Council guidelines, as set out in Council Policy C09-008, Naming of Civic Property and Development Areas.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Civic Naming Committee:

- 1) Recommend to the Standing Policy Committee on Planning, Development and Community Services that this report be forwarded to City Council for information; and
- 2) Issue direction with respect to the naming submissions contained within this report.

BACKGROUND

According to Policy No. C09-008, Naming of Civic Property and Development Areas (Naming Policy), all names proposed for the Names Master List will be screened by the Civic Naming Committee and meet City Council's guidelines for name selection. All requests for naming of roadways from the Names Master List will be selected by theme and prioritization by the Civic Naming Committee. Name suffixes are circulated through the Administration for technical review.

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS

Names Applied in the Last Quarter

Since the previous meeting, the following park names have been assigned in the Aspen Ridge Neighbourhood (See Appendix 1):

- Bidulka Park and Bidulka Park North; and
- Stryjek Park.

Anthony Bidulka: A co-recipient for the 2014 Citizen of the Year award. In 2009, Anthony Bidulka and Herb McFaull started Camp fYrefly SK, a leadership retreat for sexual- and gender-minority youth.

Dmytro Stryjek: A painter and sketch artist of socio-political aspects of Saskatchewan life that is considered a national figure in the Canadian art scene.

In the Aspen Ridge neighbourhood, the following street names have been assigned (see Appendix 2):

- Barnsley Crescent, Lane, and Rise;
- Gaunt Bend, Lane, Manor, and Way; and

- Stehwien Street and Terrace.

Greg Barnsley: Largely known and remembered for his long career with CFQC (CTV Saskatoon) as a weather broadcaster for 39 years. He was also very involved with community organizations, including volunteering as a board member with the Saskatoon Sexual Assault and Information Centre for 25 years.

Vernon Gaunt: A pioneer of Saskatoon's business community. He started the company now known as the Arrow Printing Company. The addition of the name Gaunt also serves to recognize his son, Darby Gaunt, a founding member of the Saskatoon Summer Players.

Fritz Stehwien: A German-Canadian artist known for paintings of landscapes and cityscapes, whose work continues to be shown in corporate and private collections throughout Canada and Europe. He also donated to CHEP Good Food Inc. and the St. Paul's Hospital Foundation in Saskatoon.

In the Rosewood neighbourhood the following street names have been assigned (see Appendix 3):

- Keith Turn, Union, and Way.

David McLeod Keith: A teacher, war veteran and volunteer. The organizations with which he volunteered include the Saskatchewan Abilities Council, Meewasin Valley Authority, and Prairieland Exhibition.

Chief Mistawasis Bridge Naming Residual Submissions

As part of the engagement for naming the Chief Mistawasis Bridge, a number of names were submitted by the general public. A number of those suggestions were made in Indigenous languages that have since been vetted by an Elder consultant. Vetted submissions were considered to fall under the following Naming Policy criteria:

1. Naming Criteria 3.3(a)(iii) "To commemorate local history, organizations, places, events or culture"; and
2. Naming Criteria 3.3(a)(iv) "To recognize communities which contribute to the diversity of the city".

The names contained in the table in Appendix 4 are being presented to the Civic Naming Committee to consider adding to the Names Master List. The table in Appendix 4 also contains information on the translation, other Naming Policy criteria that the name could be considered under, the theme the name was originally submitted under for the engagement for naming of the Chief Mistawasis Bridge and restrictions on use of the name. The restrictions identifies submissions recommended only for park use due to their length, as well as those not recommended for use due to duplication of existing names or inaccurate translation. A total of four submissions are not recommended for use for any street, park or other civic property. The original submissions, where available, are included for additional information as Appendix 5.

Names selected for inclusion on the Names Master List will be prioritized and placed into a theme for consideration at the next Civic Naming Committee meeting.

General Naming Requests

The following naming requests have been received and require screening:

1. “Hazelwanter” – This submission has been brought forward to recognize the members of the Hazelwanter family who have worked for the City of Saskatoon, including with the Saskatoon Fire Department and the Saskatoon Police Service, for the past 72 years. The original submission, detailing the positions of the individual family members, along with their volunteer interests, is included as Appendix 6.

The above submission falls under Naming Criteria 3.3(a)(i) of the Naming Policy recognizing “a person who has risked their life to save or protect others.”

2. “Shiffman” – Dr. Jack Shiffman was the first oral and maxillofacial surgeon in the province of Saskatchewan. After serving as a military dentist in the auxiliary corps of the Canadian Armed Forces, Dr. Shiffman set up practice in Saskatoon in 1969. Dr. Shiffman was an integral part of the Saskatoon Jewish Community and a driving force in the annual Holocaust Memorial Service, whereby a Holocaust survivor speaks to school children and the public. Dr. Shiffman was also involved in music; playing with the Saskatoon Concert Band for over 40 years, and co-founder of the Saskatoon Klezmer Band. The original submission is included as Appendix 7.

The above submission falls under Naming Criteria 3.3(a)(iv) of the Naming Policy recognizing “communities which contribute to the diversity of the city.”

3. “Zbeeshko” – Jody Lynn Zbeeshko was very involved in SaskAbilities before passing away prematurely at the age of 12. She officially opened the Kinsmen Telemiracle in 1977 and in 1978 was chosen “Tamy” of the Easter Seal campaign. The original submission, along with her obituary, is included as Appendix 8.

The above submission falls under Naming Criteria 3.3(a)(i) of the Naming Policy recognizing “a person who fosters equality and acts to eradicate discrimination.”

IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial, legal, social, or environmental implications identified.

NEXT STEPS

No follow-up is required. Applicants will be notified if their submission has been approved to be added to the Names Master List, and when it is selected for use.

APPENDICES

1. Appendix 1 – Aspen Ridge: Bidulka Park, Bidulka Park North & Stryjek Park
2. Appendix 2 – Aspen Ridge: Barnsley, Gaunt, Stehwien
3. Appendix 3 – Rosewood: Keith Turn, Union & Way
4. Appendix 4 – Indigenous Language Submissions with Translations
5. Appendix 5 – Indigenous Language Submissions - Original Submissions to Bridge Naming Engagement
6. Appendix 6 – Application Form - Hazelwanter
7. Appendix 7 – Application Form - Shiffman
8. Appendix 8 – Application Form - Zbeeshko

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