

APPROVAL REPORT

Civic Naming Committee – First Quarter Report 2020

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 Master List

For the Committee's review, the Names Master List is included as Appendix 1.

Chief Mistawasis Bridge Naming Residual Submissions

Further submissions from the Chief Mistawasis Bridge naming engagement have now been vetted by an Elder consultant and received consent to be used from the appropriate individuals. These 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 Appendix 2 are being presented to the Civic Naming Committee for consideration to be added to the Names Master List. Appendix 2 includes the original submissions along with further research, as noted, provided by the City Archivists.

Please note the submission within this set, "Freda Ahenakew" is already in use for a public library. Additionally, the full submission "Chief Poundmaker / Pihtokahanapiwiyin"

would only be appropriate for a park, due to the length. These considerations will be acknowledged when prioritizing these names.

General Naming Requests

The following naming requests have been received and require screening:

1. **“Ashwin”** – Wes Ashwin was a World War Two veteran and a D-Day participant. Ashwin was also dedicated to serving and supporting the community through his work as minister with the United Church and other organizations. The original submission is included as Appendix 3.

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.”

Please note a similar street name exists, “Lashyn Cove” in the Arbor Creek neighbourhood. It is not anticipated that this will be a great concern for wayfinding.

2. **“Blossom”, “Orange” and “Pallet”** – Blossom is to recognize the many fruit trees and bushes in Saskatoon, such as crab apples, saskatoons, sour cherries and haskap. It is noted when plants blossom it is also great for the bee population.

Orange is to recognize tiger lilies that grow very well in Saskatoon to a bright orange colour. Pallet was submitted for consideration in industrial areas. Pallets are made of wood and are multipurpose. The original submission is included as Appendix 4.

The above submissions were brought forward under the Naming Criteria 3.3(v) of the Naming Policy recognizing, “the flora and fauna of the local area or the geographical or topographical feature of the local area.”

3. **“Bowers”** – Kelly Bowers has been involved in community sporting organizations for over 50 years. After graduating from the University of Saskatchewan, Bowers started his teaching career at Bedford Road Collegiate. He also taught at Mount Royal Collegiate and was the Athletic Director for the Saskatoon Public School Division. While involved in a wide variety of sports coaching, he focused on coaching and volunteering in football, basketball, and wrestling. The original submission is included as Appendix 5.

The above submission falls under Naming Criteria 3.3(a)(i) of the Naming Policy recognizing, “a person who has volunteered significant amounts of time, effort and/or resources to support community services or humanitarian causes.”

4. **“Boymook”** – Walter Boymook was a Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal recipient in 2012. He has also done charity work for various organizations including the Kidney Foundation, the Lung Association and the Heart and Stroke Foundation. The original submission 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 volunteered significant amounts of time, effort and/or resources to support community services or humanitarian causes.”

5. **“Gartner”** – Michael A. Gartner has been an active community member involved in a number of organizations including Knights of Columbus, the Huskies Foundation Board, and the Nutana Curling Club. The original submission is included as Appendix 7.

The Administration does not recommend the use of the name “Gartner” as there are existing streets named “Gardiner Avenue; Place” in the Sutherland neighbourhood and “Hilliard Gardner Park”, also in Sutherland. The applicant has been made aware of this and would like to proceed with the opportunity to have the name recognized in the City’s naming records, without the possibility for its use for naming civic property.

6. **“Kuzma”** – The Kuzma family arrived in Saskatchewan from the Ukraine in 1909 to reside in Gronlid. In 1924 the Kuzma family moved to Saskatoon due to a fire on their family farm. Members of the Kuzma family served in the Army, Navy and Sea Cadets, and Pete Kuzma served in the Second World War. The Kuzma family was also interested in athletics, spending their time playing on sports teams or volunteering. Alex, Frank and Steve all started their hockey careers in Saskatoon and went on to play hockey at a professional level. The original submission is included as Appendix 9.

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.”

7. **“Lamb”** – Susan Lamb began working at the Meewasin Valley Authority in 1982 in the role of Public Programs Coordinator. She was then president and Chief Executive Officer of Tourism Saskatoon from 1991 to 1997, before returning as the Chief Executive Officer for the Meewasin Valley Authority. Susan Lamb has been a director or member of many organizations that benefit Saskatoon and was named a YWCA Woman of Distinction in 1995 for her business and community work. The original submission is included as Appendix 10.

The above submission falls under Naming Criteria 3.3(a)(i) of the Naming Policy recognizing, “a person who has demonstrated excellence, courage or exceptional dedication to service in ways that bring special credit to the city of Saskatoon, Province of Saskatchewan or Canada.”

8. **“Montague”** – (Donald) Murray Montague was the Deputy Chief of Operations for the Saskatoon Police Service. One of his key contributions was the implementation of the school safety program which is still in use today. After retiring from the police service, Montague served as an aide to four Lieutenant Governors of Saskatchewan. In 2004, he was presented with the Vice-Regal Commendation for his outstanding devotion and exemplary service. The original submissions are included as Appendix 11.

The above submission falls under Naming Criteria 3.3(a)(i) of the Naming Policy recognizing, “a person who has demonstrated excellence, courage or exceptional dedication to service in ways that bring special credit to the city of Saskatoon, Province of Saskatchewan or Canada.”

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 – Names Master List
2. Appendix 2 – Original Submissions to Bridge Naming Engagement
3. Appendix 3 – Original Submission – Ashwin
4. Appendix 4 – Original Submission – Blossom, Orange, and Pallet
5. Appendix 5 – Original Submission – Bowers
6. Appendix 6 – Original Submission – Boymook
7. Appendix 7 – Original Submission – Gartner
8. Appendix 9 - Original Submission – Kuzma
9. Appendix 10 – Original Submission – Lamb
10. Appendix 11 – Original Submission – Montague

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