City of Saskatoon Naming Advisory Committee
Community Services Department, Planning & Development Branch
222 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue North
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan S7K 0J5

August 5, 2019

**Dear Committee Members:** 

Re: (Donald) Murray Montague (March, 1037 - April, 2010)

It is my pleasure to add my name to those who have submitted Murray Montague for consideration of Street Naming in our fine city. Although Murray has passed away, his enduring legacy warrants ongoing acknowledgement.

Many came to know this amiable, highly civilized man because of his years as Deputy Chief of the Saskatoon Police Service. One of his inspiring contributions was implementing the School Safety Program, which still exists. I first met Murray when he was an Aide de Camp to Her Honour Sylvia Fedoruk. This important role in service of the Crown is only filled by those considered outstanding in one of the three arms of the military, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, and the Police Services. By the time I had become Lieutenant Governor, Murray had been the Principal Driver for His Honour Jack Wiebe, a position he continued for six and a half years with me.

This individual was the consummate gentleman, a kind, thoughtful professional who was well-read and articulate. He was deeply admired because of his demeanor. In 2004, I presented him with the Vice-Regal Commendation for his outstanding devotion and exemplary service. A Lieutenant Governor is permitted to give only one such award in his/her tenure and Murray Montague was my choice.

I would be most grateful if the Committee saw fit to recognize this special citizen of Saskatoon in a permanent way. It would be so appreciated by his family and friends. I hope that it will lead some young people to ask the question, "Who does this street name represent and what did this person do for our City and Province"?

With every good wish,

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Donald Murray Montague was born in St. Boniface Hospital, March 4, 1937, and raised in Redditt, ON. He worked as a lineman for Canadian National Railway from 1955 to 1959, and then joined the Saskatoon Police Force July 2nd 1959. In 1963, Chief Kettles sent him to Calgary for School Patrol Training. He then returned to Saskatoon and implemented the program in the Saskatoon Schools which is still used to this day. He stayed with the school patrol program until 1967 when he was promoted to the rank of Corporal. He rose through the ranks eventually retiring as Deputy Chief of Operations in 1994. He was very proud to have served four Lieutenant Governors of Saskatchewan. He was an Honorary Aide for Her Honour Dr. Sylvia Fedoruk, the principal driver in Saskatoon for their Honours, Jack Wiebe and Dr. Lynda Haverstock and driver trainer for a few months for His Honour Dr. Gordon Barnhart before retiring. One of his proudest moments was when he received the Vice Regal Commendation from her Honour Dr. Lynda Haverstock. Murray passed away on April 17, 2010 after a brief illness.