

Civic Naming Committee – First Quarter Report 2021

ISSUE

The purpose of this report is to consider naming requests to ensure they meet the guidelines for name selection, 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 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 Administration for technical review.

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS

Names Master List

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

Names Applied in the Last Quarter

Since the previous meeting, the following street names have been assigned in the Brighton Neighbourhood (see Appendix 2):

1. Schmeiser Avenue, Bend, Lane
 - Dr. Douglas Schmeiser was Dean of Law in 1974 and Professor Emeritus in 1995, at the College of Law, U of S. Notably, he held a prominent role in the creation of the Canadian Constitution.
2. Shakamohtaa Street
 - Michif word meaning 'connection'.
3. Tufts Manor, Way
 - Carson Tufts was a teacher/superintendent with Saskatoon schools; with contributions to high school band programs and a craftsman.

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In the Marquis Industrial Area, the following street name has been assigned (see Appendix 3):
Radu Crescent

- The Radu family owned Radu Electronic Services. They were involved with charities such as Senior Citizens', Golden Age Group, Pensioners and Pioneers.

General Naming Requests

The following naming requests have been received and require screening:

1. "Larson" – Everett Larson was a music teacher in Saskatoon for over 60 years; teaching piano, accordion, violin and many other instruments. He was a lifelong music teacher who taught thousands of people throughout Saskatchewan. He received numerous awards, including the Saskatoon Preschool Foundation Educator of Distinction Award in 2001. At Fiddle Fest in 2008, he was the first recipient of a Lifetime Achievement Award in recognition and appreciation of his outstanding contribution to fiddling and Saskatchewan music. Everett Larson was also an army sergeant during World War II, stationed in Whitehorse and served as a drill instructor with the Lord Strathcona regiment. The original submission is included as Appendix 4.

The above submission falls under Naming Criteria 3.3(a)(i) of the Naming Policy to recognize, "a person who has achieved a deed or activity performed in an outstanding professional manner, or of an uncommonly high standard, which brings considerable benefit to the City of Saskatoon."

2. "Maruk" – The Maruk family has a long history of living in and supporting community in the north end of Saskatoon. The Maruk family farmed in what is now the Riel Industrial Sector of the city. Cliff and Sue Maruk were involved in various community activities including Circle 8 Square Dancing Club, fundraising efforts for the Archibald Arena and coaching hockey. The original submission is included as Appendix 5.

The above submission falls under the Naming Criteria 3.3(a)(iii) of the Naming Policy to commemorate, "local history, organizations, places, events or culture." Please note, there is a similarly sounding name, used for a street "Marriott Place" in the Westview neighbourhood. This may restrict the opportunity for the use of this name for street naming.

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. For names that are approved, Administration will provide the Civic Naming Committee with a recommendation on the category and rank for each name.

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APPENDICES

1. Appendix 1 – Prioritized Names Master List
2. Appendix 2 – Brighton Shakamohtaa, Schmeiser and Tufts
3. Appendix 3 – Marquis Industrial: Radu Crescent
4. Appendix 4 – Original Submission – Larson
5. Appendix 5 – Original Submission - Maruk

REPORT APPROVAL

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