

Civic Naming Committee – Fourth Quarter Report 2021

ISSUE

This report provides information on consideration of naming requests and ensures they meet the guidelines for name selection, as set out in Council Policy C09-008, Naming of Civic Property and Development Areas (Naming Policy).

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 be directed with respect to the naming submissions contained within this report.

BACKGROUND

According to the Naming Policy, all names proposed for the Names Master List will be screened by the Civic Naming Committee (CNC) 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 CNC. 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 (see Appendix 1).

Names Applied

Since the previous meeting, the following street names have been re-assigned to align with a revised subdivision design in the Marquis Industrial area (see Appendix 2):

- Kohut Avenue
 - Fred and Peter Kohut - Father and son who founded Nu-Way Glassworks.
- Eidem Road, Link
 - Harold Eidem - Founded Bearing & Transmission Ltd.

In the Brighton Neighbourhood, the following street names have been assigned (see Appendix 3):

- āniskotāw Bend, Manor, Place, Terrace, Way
 - Describes a bridge - links it. Can symbolize the connecting of two or more people and cultures. Coming together as one for something better.

- Taube
 - Dr. Henry Taube - Nobel Prize for chemistry work on electron transfer mechanisms
 - Applied to the extension of an existing street by Administration, pursuant to Section 3.4(a)(xiv) of the Naming Policy.

General Naming Requests

The following naming requests have been received and require screening:

1. **“Traeger”** - Klaus Traeger was born in Cuxhaven Germany on September 2, 1939, immigrated to Canada in 1966 and opened the first Traeger's Bakery in Locomart on 8th Street in 1968. Klaus Traeger was a community builder and a well know baker and restaurant owner in Saskatoon for 37 years. Traeger's Bakery was a mainstay in Saskatoon supplying the city with never-before-seen European Pastries and German specialties from 1968 until his passing in 2004. Klaus was also a volunteer at table tennis tournaments and the German Club for over 20 years. The original submission is included (see Appendix 4).

The above submission falls under Naming Criteria 3.3(a)(iii) of the Naming Policy “To commemorate local history, organizations, places, events or culture”.

2. **“Schenn”** - Luke Schenn was born in Saskatoon on November 2, 1989, and is currently a professional ice hockey player in the National Hockey League (NHL). Amongst other achievements, Luke played for the Tampa Bay Lightning in both the 2019/2020 and 2020/2021 seasons; the team won the Stanley Cup Finals in both seasons. Brayden Schenn was born in Saskatoon on August 22, 1991 and is currently a professional ice hockey player in the NHL. Amongst other achievements, Brayden played for the St. Louis Blues during the 2018/2019 season; the team won the Stanley Cup Finals that season. The original submission is included (see Appendix 5).

The above submission falls under Naming Criteria 3.3(a)(i) of the Naming Policy, to recognize “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”.

3. **“Alvarado”** - Hugo Alvarado emigrated from Chile in 1976 and is known best for his contributions as an artist and philanthropist. Hugo co-founded the Artists in Hunger Art Auction in 1991 and was a driving force of the annual event until he passed in 2020, raising funds for community groups including Saskatoon Food Bank, Friendship Inn, CHEP Good Food and Crisis Nursery (Haven Kids' House). He also helped community groups organize their own fundraising events, donated significant time, effort and artwork to benefit countless groups and individuals over the years. Hugo taught community art classes since the late 1990s and mentored numerous local artists over the years guided by the philosophy that everyone is equal, everyone's art is equal and art should be

understood by everybody. In 2017, Hugo was named CTV Saskatoon's Citizen of the Year. The original submission is included (see Appendix 6).

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

4. **"Cowessess"** - Cowessess is a First Nation. Their primary reserve is located in the Qu'Appelle Valley near Crooked and Round Lakes. The original submission is included (see Appendix 7).

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

5. **"Lépine"** - Maxime Lépine (1837-1886) was a close friend of Louis Riel throughout his life and later became his brother-in-law by marriage. He was a member of the provisional government, along with his brother Ambroise-Dydime Lépine, in the Red River colony. He represented St. François Xavier on the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba from 1874 to 1878. In 1882 he moved to Saskatchewan and helped setup various small-scale enterprises with key players like Charles Nolin and Gabriel Dumont. In July of 1884, when Louis Riel returned from exile in the United States, Riel declared Maxime Lépine his right-hand man declaring: "I have more confidence in him, than in all the priests, all the bishops, and the pope". Maxime Lépine would later be elected Councillor during the 1885 uprising, which led to the formation of the provisional government in Saskatchewan. Maxime Lépine surrendered to Major-General Frederick Dobson Middleton in May of 1885 at Batoche, he was later tried & sentenced for high treason in Regina. He was released in March of 1886; after his release he was politically conflicted, but he still wanted to fight for Métis rights, as shown by his continued contact with the then exiled Gabriel Dumont. After 1888 he withdrew from politics to live quietly. Due to being considered a Métis rebel, he was unable to take a position that he had earned in the Indian agency in Battleford in 1896. The original submission is included (see Appendix 8).

The above submission falls under Naming Criteria 3.3(a)(iii) of the Naming Policy "To commemorate local history, organizations, places, events or culture".

Please note a similar sounding name, "LaBine", is currently being used for streets in the Kensington Neighbourhood. This may restrict the opportunity for the use of this name.

6. **"Pind Phaphre Bhaike"** - Phaphre Bhaike is a community within the District of Mansa in Punjab, India. The original submission is included (see Appendix 9).

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

Please note Administration has requested a 13-character limit for street names due to signage limitations. This may restrict the opportunity for the use of this name.

7. **“Weber”** - Neil Weber moved from Vawn, Saskatchewan to Saskatoon with his fiancé, Laura in 1987 to attend the University of Saskatchewan with the goal of one day becoming a Chartered Accountant. Neil volunteered his time and skills to the Saskatoon Minor Hockey league as the treasurer for multiple years. In 2014 he joined the St. Paul’s Hospital Foundation to raise, manage and allocate funds around the city; shortly after, Neil was named the Board Chair of the foundation (he is still in this position today).

In May of 2019, Neil had the great pleasure of announcing to the people of Saskatoon the construction of the first hospice centre. The Hospice at Glengarda was an idea that Neil’s wife, Laura, had always dreamed of and after spending 25 years as a nurse in Saskatoon, 20 of which were spent at St Paul’s Hospital, she knew the value a hospice centre would have in Saskatoon. Along with helping to organize, oversee and execute the construction of the centre, Neil also made a personal donation to the Foundation in honor of the hard work and dedication his wife Laura has had to Saskatoon Hospitals. The original submission is included (see Appendix 10).

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

The applicant has requested that this name be applied to a park within the Rosewood neighbourhood.

Please note a similar sounding name, “Webb”, is currently being used for a street in the Brevoort Park Neighbourhood. This may restrict the opportunity for the use of this name.

8. **“Weiman”** - Duane Weiman was a teacher and chaplain, primarily in the west end, (St. John Community School, Bishop Roborecki School and E.D. Feehan Catholic High School) for 28 years and lived on McDougall Crescent in Pacific Heights. He was also a member of the Legislative Assembly (MLA) for the Fairview constituency from 1980-1984. During his time in politics, he was instrumental in having the Parkridge Centre built, brought aluminum cans to Saskatchewan, and fought for a west-end high school, which is now Bethlehem Catholic High School and Tommy Douglas Collegiate, as well as completing Circle Drive. In addition to this, he worked on the board of directors for the Affinity Credit Union helping small businesses acquire loans. Duane was also a major contributor to both St. Peter's churches in any capacity they needed him, a baseball coach, Brownie troop leader, as well as holding many other volunteer positions in the area. The original submission is included (see Appendix 11).

This submission was originally received as a renaming request for John A. Macdonald Road. It was communicated to the applicant that the City of Saskatoon is currently working with Indigenous leaders, Survivors, Elders and Knowledge Keepers to establish an appropriate engagement process for this renaming; therefore, suggestions for the new name are not currently being accepted. The applicant communicated that they would still like the name to be considered for addition to the Names Master List.

Please note a similar sounding name, “Whelan”, is currently being used for streets in the Confederation Park Neighbourhood. This may restrict the opportunity for the use of this name.

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 CNC with a recommendation on the category and rank for each name.

IMPLICATIONS

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

APPENDICES

1. Prioritized Names Master List
2. Marquis Industrial - Kohut and Eidem
3. Brighton - āniskotāw and Taube
4. Original Submission - Traeger
5. Original Submission - Schenn
6. Original Submission - Alvarado
7. Original Submission - Cowessess
8. Original Submission - Lépine
9. Original Submission - Pind Phaphre Bhaike
10. Original Submission - Weber
11. Original Submission - Weiman

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