

Civic Naming Committee – Second Quarter Report 2022

ISSUE

The purpose of this report is to consider naming requests and ensure they meet 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 direction 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 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 the Civic Naming Committee's review, the Prioritized Names Master List is included as Appendix 1.

Names Applied

Since the previous meeting, the following park name has been assigned in the Aspen Ridge Neighbourhood (see Appendix 2):

- kīwētin Greenway - kīwētin represents North Wind in the Cree language.

In the Rosewood Neighbourhood, the following street name has been assigned (see Appendix 3):

- Aitken Crescent - Named after George Andrew Russell Aitken - Citizen since 1928; joined Armed Forces in 1939 - RCAF - Flying Officer.

In the Brighton Neighbourhood, the following street name has been assigned (see Appendix 4):

- Traeger Common/Manor/Close/Union - Named after Klaus Traeger born in Germany in 1939, immigrated to Canada in 1966 and opened Traeger's on 8th Street in 1968. Well known baker and community builder for almost 40 years in Saskatoon.

General Naming Requests

The following naming requests have been received and require screening:

1. **“McNeil”** – Street – Wallace McNeil was born on March 27, 1946 in Saskatoon and was a long-time serving police officer with the Saskatoon Police Service. Shirley McNeil was born on January 29, 1947 in Saskatoon and served over 40 years as a nurse in Saskatoon, receiving a lifetime achievement award for her work in 2015. The original submission is included as Appendix 5.

The above submission falls under Naming Criteria 3.3 a) (vi) of the Naming Policy, that:

“The name of a person, or a name other than a person, may be added to the Names Master List when unique or extenuating circumstances warrant.”

2. **“Bud Besse”** – Street/Park – Bud Besse (Harry Leroy Besse) was born on March 22, 1935 in Biggar, Saskatchewan and moved to Saskatoon in 1943. Bud received multiple awards throughout his lifetime including the Citizenship Award (1948-1949), Kinsmen of the Year (1974), Kinsmen Sportsman of the Year (1985) and Saskatoon Century Award (1982). He is also in the Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame as a charter member and inducted as a Builder in the class of 1986. Bud was heavily involved in Saskatoon’s hockey and softball communities as a referee, player, umpire and coach. Bud was also a founding partner of the local business Allied Denture Clinic. The original submission is included as Appendix 6.

The above submission falls under Naming Criteria 3.3 a) (vi) of the Naming Policy, that:

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Received as Information

The following renaming requests have been received and require screening:

1. **“Gowen”** – Street – Received as Information for Renaming Dundonald Avenue. Charles Gowen was a City of Saskatoon landfill operator whose actions sparked advancement in knowledge of Plains peoples 6000 years before our ancestors arrived here by uncovering two sites to the east of the future expansion of the landfill. The original submission is included as Appendix 7.

Renaming Submission will be Held as Information Pending Outcome of Legacy Review

The above submission falls under Naming Criteria 3.3 a) (vi) of the Naming Policy, that:

“the name of a person, or name other than a person, may be added to the Names Master List when unique or extenuating circumstances warrant.”

2. **“John Arcand”** – Street – Received as Information for McPherson Avenue Renaming. John Arcand was born on July 19, 1942 in Debden, Saskatchewan. John is an accomplished Métis fiddler and fiddle-maker and has worked his entire life mastering his craft and promoting traditional Métis culture. John Arcand received the Order of Canada Medal in 2007, becoming the first Métis fiddler and first Saskatchewan resident to win the award. The original submission is included as Appendix 8.

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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, that brings considerable benefit for the City of Saskatoon, Province of Saskatchewan, or Canada.”

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.

IMPLICATIONS

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

APPENDICES

1. Prioritized Names Master List
2. Aspen Ridge – kīwētīn Greenway
3. Rosewood – Aitken Crescent
4. Brighton – Traeger Common/Manor/Close/Union
5. Original Submission – McNeil
6. Original Submission – Bud Besse
7. Original Submission – Gowen
8. Original Submission – John Arcand

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