

Civic Naming Committee – Third and Fourth Quarter Report 2022

ISSUE

This report provides information to consider naming requests and ensure 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 direction with respect to the naming submissions and recommendations contained within this report.

BACKGROUND

According to the Naming Policy, all names proposed for the Names Master List are screened by the Civic Naming Committee (CNC) to meet City Council guidelines for name selection. All requests for naming of roadways and parks 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 as Appendix 1.

Names Applied

Since the previous meeting on June 9, 2022, the following park names have been assigned in the Aspen Ridge Neighbourhood (see Appendix 2):

- kīwētīn Greenway
 - Name was extended north to encompass the entire Northeast Swale/Aspen Ridge neighbourhood interface.
 - kīwētīn represents north wind in the Cree language.
- tatanka
 - Dakota word meaning buffalo, name generated during Chief Mistawasis Bridge naming process.
- kisiskaciwan
 - Cree word meaning fast flowing river, name generated during Chief Mistawasis Bridge naming process.

- mikisiw ostikwān
 - Cree word meaning eagle head, name generated during Chief Mistawasis Bridge naming process.
- niwāhkōmākanak
 - Cree and Metis word meaning all our relations, name generated during Chief Mistawasis Bridge naming process.
- wāwāhtēwa
 - Cree word meaning northern lights (aurora borealis), name generated during Chief Mistawasis Bridge naming process.
- Lamb
 - Named after Susan Lamb, who was CEO of Tourism Saskatoon from 1991 to 1997 before becoming CEO for the Meewasin Valley Authority. She was named a YWCA Woman of Distinction in 1995 for her business and community work.
- Aspen Ridge Village Square
 - Keeping with past naming convention for new neighbourhood village squares.

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

- asokan Avenue/Bend/Rise/Street
 - Cree word for bridge, name generated during Chief Mistawasis Bridge naming process.
- Pepper Avenue/Court/Place/Street/Bend/View
 - Named after Thelma Pepper, Saskatchewan Order of Merit recipient (2018); well known for her photography and establishing Saskatoon's first library.
- Katz Avenue/Court
 - Named after Dr. Leon Katz, who was the founder and first director of the Saskatchewan Accelerator Laboratory, a precursor to the Canadian Light Source (Synchrotron).
- Cowessess Road/Cove
 - Named after the Saskatchewan First Nation.
- taskamanwa Street
 - Replacement name for Shakamohtaa (adopted by Council, Bylaw 9843), stemming from concerns on Shakamohtaa meaning in the Michif dialect.
 - Cree word meaning shortcut, name generated during Chief Mistawasis Bridge naming process.

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

- Taylor Bay
 - Required for addressing new pumphouse location, utilized existing Taylor name and “Bay” suffix at the recommendation of Administration for wayfinding purposes.

In the Hampton Village Business Park, Kahkewistahaw First Nation (KFN) chose two street names to be applied within their Urban Reserve. Given the location on the Urban Reserve, KFN was able to select the names for their streets outside of the Prioritized Names Master List. The following names have been assigned (see Appendix 5):

- Chief Louis Taypotat Avenue
- kihew Crescent

General Naming Requests

The following naming requests have been received, screened, and prioritized by the internal naming advisory group. Administration is recommending both names to be formally added to the Prioritized Names Master List under the specified themes.

1. **“Michif”** – Street/Park – Michif is a language spoken by Métis peoples mostly in parts of Manitoba, Saskatchewan, North Dakota, and Montana. This name submission was made by the Métis Nation - Saskatchewan stemming from the request to rename Shakamohtaa Street.

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.”

Administration is recommending a prioritization score of 17, and inclusion under the Community theme on the Prioritized Names Master List.

2. **“John Arcand”** – Street – Received as a suggestion for McPherson Avenue renaming.

John Arcand was born in Debden, Saskatchewan on July 19, 1942. Arcand is an accomplished Métis fiddler, fiddle-maker, has worked his entire life mastering his craft and promoting traditional Métis culture. Arcand received the Order of Canada Medal in 2007, becoming the first Métis fiddler and first Saskatchewan resident to win the award.

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.”

Administration is recommending a prioritization score of 14 and inclusion under the Community and Fine Arts themes on the Prioritized Names Master List.

Recommending New Themes in Blairmore Urban Centre and Parkridge Extension

Specific themes have yet been assigned for the neighbourhoods but are required as the final pieces of Municipal Reserve requires naming.

The Science theme aligns with the Blairmore Sector as it commemorates the Blairmore Formation in Saskatchewan and the province’s advancements in mining. The developer, Saskatoon Land, has expressed their support for the Science theme. Administration is recommending the Science theme be applied in the Blairmore Urban Centre and the following park name be assigned to the Blairmore Wet Pond (see Appendix 6):

- yahkōhtēwin Park
 - Cree word meaning walking forward or learning from teachings.

The Parkridge Extension requires names for the remaining two pieces of Municipal Reserve and Administration is recommending the Geology theme be applied. Geology is a fitting theme for this area given the ties with the Blairmore Formation and the historic mining industry in Saskatchewan. The developer, Saskatoon Land, has expressed their support for the Geology theme.

Administration is recommending the Geology theme be added to the Parkridge Extension and the following park names be assigned (see Appendix 7):

- mistasiniy Park
 - Cree word meaning buffalo stone.
- manitohkēwin Park
 - Cree word meaning sacred power in a concrete (material) form.

NEXT STEPS

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 recommended for approval in this report, Administration has provided the Civic Naming Committee with a recommendation on the category and rank for each name above.

IMPLICATIONS

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

APPENDICES

1. Prioritized Names Master List
2. Aspen Ridge Parks - kīwētin Greenway/tatanka/kisiskaciwan/mikisiw ostikwān/niwāhkōmākanak/wāwāhtēwa/Lamb/Aspen Ridge Village Square
3. Brighton Streets – asokan Avenue/Bend/Rise/Street, Pepper Avenue/Court/Place/Street/Bend/View, Katz Avenue/Court, Cowessess Road/Cove, taskamanwa Street
4. Rosewood Street – Taylor Bay
5. Hampton Village Business Park Streets – Chief Louis Taypotat Avenue, kihew Crescent
6. Blairmore Urban Centre Park – yahkōhtēwin
7. Parkridge Extension Parks – mistasiniy, manitohkēwin

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