

APPROVAL REPORT

Naming Riverbank Lands Donated by P.R. Developments Ltd.

ISSUE

As part of the donation agreement for 78.22 acres of riverbank lands from P.R. Developments Ltd. along Central Avenue, Administration is bringing forward this report to approve naming recognition of the area to commemorate the donor.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Civic Naming Committee recommend to City Council:

1. That Parcel C, in the University of Saskatchewan Lands North Management Area, be named Ellen Remai Natural Area, as an exception to Council Policy C09-008, Naming of Civic Property and Development Areas, as outlined in this report; and
2. That the City, at its cost, install signage on site.

BACKGROUND

City Council, at its [Regular Business meeting on May 29, 2024](#), approved receipt of a donation of 78.22 acres of riverbank lands along the west side of Central Avenue, in the University of Saskatchewan Lands North Management Area (see Appendix 1). The donation lands are made up of:

- Parcel A, Plan No. 65S22382 Ext 1, ISC Parcel No. 203248986, 3.9 acres;
 - Parcel B, Plan No. 101392354 Ext 4, ISC Parcel No. 203248664, 32.2 acres; and
 - Parcel C, Plan No. 101392680 Ext 3, ISC Parcel No. 203248931, 42.12 acres
- As per the donation agreement, Parcel A and Parcel C are to be kept open to the general public for walking, biking and other riverbank related activities.

Naming recognition for the donor was requested through the donation agreement and a name is required to be assigned for Parcel C under [Council Policy C09-008, Naming of Civic Property and Development Areas](#) (Naming Policy). As the use of Parcel C will be consistent with park-type uses, naming of the site falls under Section 3.4 Principles of Naming of the Naming Policy.

Petursson's Ravine is located in Parcel C and is named after John Petursson, who had owned and ranched these lands around the 1950s and 1960s. Through discussion with City of Saskatoon (City) Archives, the ravine's name came about informally sometime around 1970 and was not officially assigned under the City's Naming Policy.

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS

In accordance with the request of the donor, Administration is proposing to name Parcel C, Ellen Remai Natural Area, (see Appendix 2). This requires an exception to the Naming Policy for two primary components:

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1. The name is not being assigned from existing names on the Names Master List; and
2. As per Section 3.4 (a) (vii) surnames alone are used for naming, except in the case of former elected officials of the City.

While recognizing that this request requires an exception to policy, Administration is supportive of recognition of the donor, as Ms. Remai has made significant contributions to the community of Saskatoon over many years.

Technical Review

Planning and Development, Parks and Meewasin determined the appropriate suffix for Parcel C was Natural Area. The intention is to keep Parcel C open for walking, biking and other riverbank-related activities and as such, Natural Area was determined to be the most appropriate suffix.

Assigning Ellen Remai Natural Area, to Parcel C will not create wayfinding issues as no similar-sounding names are assigned in Saskatoon.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Signage will be installed on-site. The cost for site signage may range from approximately \$5,000 to a maximum of \$10,000. At this time, a funding source has not been identified for the signage.

NEXT STEPS

If approved, the City will identify an appropriate budget source for the sign and have the sign installed on-site.

APPENDICES

1. P.R. Development Lands for Donation
2. Location Map

REPORT APPROVAL

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