
Naming Advisory Committee Report – Second Quarter 2017

Recommendation

That the Naming Advisory Committee issue direction with respect to the naming and renaming submissions contained within this report.

Topic and Purpose

The purpose of this report is to consider naming and renaming requests to ensure they meet City Council guidelines, as set out in Naming of Civic Property and Development Areas Policy No. C09-008.

Report Highlights

1. The following names have been applied since the last quarter: Amisk, Greyeyes-Steele, Mark, and Stilling in the Rosewood neighbourhood; Gibson and Owen in the Brighton neighbourhood; and Lions Century Park in the Kensington neighbourhood.
2. The following naming submission requires screening: Barnsley.
3. The following renaming submissions require screening: A request to rename the Traffic Bridge to the Truth and Reconciliation Bridge and a request to rename Victoria Park to Reconciliation Park.

Strategic Goal

Under the City of Saskatoon's (City) Strategic Goal of Quality of Life, this report supports the recognition of our built, natural, and cultural heritage. The naming of civic facilities, streets, and parks celebrates the history, environment, and outstanding contributions of our diverse community.

Background

According to Naming of Civic Property and Development Areas Policy No. C09-008 (Naming Policy), all names proposed for the Names Master List will be screened by the Naming Advisory Committee and meet City Council's guidelines for name selection. All requests for naming of roadways from the Names Master List will be selected or endorsed by His Worship the Mayor. Name suffixes are circulated through the Administration for technical review.

Report

Names Applied in the Last Quarter

The following names have been assigned since the previous meeting:

In the Rosewood neighbourhood (see Attachment 1):

- Amisk Way;
- Greyeyes-Steele Way;
- Mark Bend, Lane, Link, and Way; and
- Stilling Lane, Manor, Mews, Street, Union, and Way.

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In the Brighton neighbourhood (see Attachment 2):

- Gibson Bend; and
- Owen Manor.

In the Kensington neighbourhood (see Attachment 3):

- Lions Century Park.

Naming Requests

The following naming request has been received and requires screening:

1. “Barnsley” – Greg Barnsley is largely known and remembered for his long career with CFQC (CTV Saskatoon) as a weather broadcaster for 39 years. He was also very involved with community organizations, including volunteering as a board member with the Saskatoon Sexual Assault and Information Centre for 25 years. He was the recipient of the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal in 2012, and the Saskatchewan Centennial Medal in 2005. The full submission is included as Attachment 4.

This submission falls under guideline 3.3 a) i) of the Naming Policy recognizing “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.”

Renaming Requests

The following renaming requests have been received and require screening:

1. Shirley Isbister, President of Central Urban Metis Federation Inc., has requested that Victoria Park, or a portion thereof, be renamed to Reconciliation Park. The full submission is included as Attachment 5. Victoria Park is located along the South Saskatchewan River in the King George and Riversdale neighbourhoods and named to honour Queen Alexandrina Victoria (1819 to 1901), who reigned for 63 years; the longest reign in British history. Victoria Avenue is also named for Queen Victoria.
2. An application has been received from Ruth Elliott, teacher-librarian with the Saskatoon Public School Division to rename the Traffic Bridge as the Truth and Reconciliation Bridge. Ruth Elliott and Mrs. Maria Jones' Grade 7 class from Lawson Heights School included letters regarding what they learned about residential schools and their impact on First Nations and Metis families. Ruth Elliott's application also includes the history of the Saskatoon area prior to and during the formation of the municipality. The full submission is included as Attachment 6.

The Traffic Bridge was formally named in 2007, to recognize and honour the historic significance of the bridge. Previously it has been called the 3rd Avenue Bridge, the Iron Bridge, the 19th Street Bridge, and the Victoria Bridge. The name “Traffic Bridge” refers to a bridge for foot and vehicle traffic, rather than one for trains.

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In recognition of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada Calls to Action, the Administration is developing a process to engage the community as a whole to name the North Commuter Parkway bridge. The process will include education and engagement with the community at large and consultation with Aboriginal Elders and Indian Residential School Survivors and is currently in a preliminary stage. The Naming Advisory Committee may wish to include the above two renaming requests in this naming process.

Renaming of a municipally-owned or controlled facility requires the approval of City Council and consultation with those who may be affected by the proposed renaming.

Public and/or Stakeholder Involvement

Stakeholders and members of the public are invited to make a short presentation to the Naming Advisory Committee in support of their naming submissions.

Policy Implications

The screening of requests and suggestions for naming or renaming of municipally-owned or controlled facilities, streets, suburban development areas, neighbourhoods, and parks must be in compliance with the Naming Policy.

Financial Implications

The financial impact of renaming a bridge or park includes the cost of updating maps and signage. Additional costs may be incurred should further public consultation be required. The Naming Policy states that the City will not normally provide compensation for any costs associated with a name change.

Other Considerations/Implications

There are no options, environmental, privacy, or CPTED implications or considerations; a communication plan is not required at this time.

Due Date for Follow-up and/or Project Completion

No follow-up is required.

Public Notice

Public notice, pursuant to Section 3 of Public Notice Policy No. C01-021, is not required.

Attachments

1. Rosewood Neighbourhood Roadway Naming
2. Brighton Neighbourhood Roadway Naming
3. Kensington Neighbourhood Park Naming
4. Original Submission – Barnsley
5. Original Submission – Reconciliation Park Renaming
6. Original Submission – Truth and Reconciliation Commission Bridge Renaming

Report Approval

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