

**Original Submission - Lokomotiv**

==Naming==

Requested name: Lokomotiv

Requested use of name: All the below

Background Information (Reason for name request):

Our family came to Canada from the City of Yaroslavl, Russia, in 2006. In our city, hockey always played a very important role, similar to what it plays in Canada.

We are proud of our players and hard work that they put on the ice. We were lucky to have our own ice hockey team, Hockey Club Lokomotiv, also known as Lokomotiv Yaroslavl, which was playing in the top level Kontinental Hockey League. Among players I grew up with, the team included players from all over the world – Sweden, Ukraine, Belarus, Czech Republic, Latvia, Slovakia. As I said before, we left the city to find our new home in Canada in 2006 and followed our favourite hockey team only online since that time.

In May 2011, when we discovered that a new Head Coach was hired, Byron Brad McCrimmon, who is Canadian and originally from Dodsland, Saskatchewan, we were thrilled. Canadian experience and training would definitely put out a team to the very top of the KHL we thought.

Then, we learned about the tragedy. September 7, 2011, the entire team including both coaches, doctors, and aircraft personnel were killed in the devastated airplane crash. There was only one survivor. The entire city mourned the loss of the beloved team. There are still fresh flowers every day at the doorsteps of the Arena, where our team practiced. This magnitude of a tragedy is hard to accept, and it is still fresh in our hearts. We mourned here, in Canada.

We wanted to do something here to commemorate the team. So, the idea to have the team name as part of the community was put forward. We would like to ask to name a street or a building here in Canada in Lokomotiv's honour. Originally, soon after the tragedy, I sent a letter to the Town of Milton, Ontario, where we reside, asking for a naming after the team Lokomotiv. Unfortunately, the proposed name and the cause did not meet their naming criteria. All those years, I was thinking about it, until recently, in a conversation with the Town of Milton's staff, they suggested that I send this request to the City of Saskatchewan, the capital of the Province of the original place of birth of our team Head Coach Brad McCrimmon. So, I do now.

If you have submitted a person's name, please provide a short biography (Given name, date of birth, place of birth, contributions, awards, achievements or other related information):

From Wikipedia:

Byron Brad McCrimmon (March 29, 1959 – September 7, 2011) was a Canadian professional ice hockey defenceman and coach. He played over 1,200 games in the National Hockey League (NHL) for the Boston Bruins, Philadelphia Flyers, Calgary Flames, Detroit Red Wings, Hartford Whalers and Phoenix Coyotes between 1979 and 1997. He achieved his greatest success in Calgary, where he was named a second team All-Star in 1987–88, played in the 1988 NHL All-Star Game and won the Plus-Minus Award with a league leading total of +48. In 1989, he helped the Flames win their first Stanley Cup championship. His career plus-minus of +444 is one of the highest totals in NHL history.

McCrimmon turned to coaching following his playing career, serving as an assistant with the New York Islanders before taking over as head coach of the Western Hockey League's Saskatoon Blades for two seasons between 1998 and 2000. He then returned to the NHL as an assistant, first with the Flames then the Atlanta Thrashers and finally the Red Wings. He left the NHL to become the head coach of Lokomotiv Yaroslavl of the Kontinental Hockey League (KHL) in 2011. He never coached a regular season game however, as he was killed in the Lokomotiv Yaroslavl air disaster along with most of the team after their plane crashed en route to their first game.

Additional comments:

This request is very important to me and to my family. The tragedy impacted us greatly. We lost our favorite hockey team with Canadian Coach, which belong to our new country home.

It will be a great comfort for people in the City of Yaroslavl and hockey fans of the Hockey Club Lokomotiv to know that the name of their team is honoured where their Head Coach was born. It will make our family feel comforted knowing that we are supported in our grief here at home in Canada. It will let people in Saskatchewan know and remember a hockey team with a great Head Coach. It will unite our countries through the greatest sport ever - hockey.

Do you wish to address the Naming Advisory Committee? No