



**CIVIC ASSET NAMING COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES**

**NOVEMBER 25, 2013**

A meeting of the Civic Asset Naming Committee was held on Monday, November 25, 2013, at 5:00 pm, in the Town Hall Room 115, Main Floor, Vancouver City Hall.

**PRESENT:** Verna Magee Shepherd, Chair  
Leslie Clauson  
Heather Forbes  
Elizabeth Walker

**ALSO PRESENT:** Councillor Andrea Reimer, Council Liaison  
Heather Gordon, City Archivist  
Al Zacharias, City Surveyor

**CITY CLERK'S OFFICE:** Laura Kazakoff, Meeting Coordinator

**Roll Call**

The Chair noted that Dmitry Alenushkin had resigned from the Committee.

**Approval of Minutes**

MOVED by Heather Forbes  
SECONDED by Elizabeth Walker

THAT the minutes of the meeting held Tuesday, September 10, 2013, be approved.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## Approval of 2014 Meeting Schedule

MOVED by Heather Forbes  
SECONDED by Leslie Clauson

THAT the 2014 Meeting Schedule for the Civic Asset Naming Committee be approved, as set out below:

DATES:           Monday, March 3, 2014  
                  Monday, June 23, 2014  
                  Monday, September 8, 2014  
                  Monday, November 3, 2014

TIME:            5:30 pm

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### 1. Naming in the News

Heather Gordon noted two naming-related items which appeared in the news included articles on the Red Robinson Show Theatre and a mention of the recent Council decision regarding the membership of the Civic Asset Naming Committee.

### 2. Review of Proposed Name Submitted by Public

#### (a) Request to rename Grandview Highway North

The Committee had before it a request to consider renaming Grandview Highway North, due to it being a quiet bicycle and pedestrian-friendly route through a residential area. During discussion it was noted that while the request had merit, it was not in the purview of this Committee to recommend streets be renamed unless it was to address a safety issue. Therefore, the Committee agreed to take no further action at this time.

### 3. Civic Asset Naming Requests

#### (a) Request for Naming of Public Streets in River District (also known as East Fraserlands)

The Committee had before it a letter dated October 15, 2013, from Joe Carreira, Development Manager, ParkLane Homes, requesting consideration be given to proposed street names for roads 13/23, 16 and 17, in the River District area.

The Committee welcomed Mr. Carreira and Janette Lau, Community Relations Coordinator, ParkLane Homes, who were in attendance for this item. The Chair provided an overview of the Committee's recent working session discussion on this item and asked for Mr. Carreira's and Ms. Lau's feedback on a proposed name of "Sawmill Crescent" for road 13/23 which was agreed to at the working session. She also noted that the Committee agreed that road 16 should be named as an extension of the previously approved "North Arm Avenue".

During discussion, it was agreed that a working session of the Committee be scheduled prior to the next meeting in order to discuss names for road 17 as well as road 8.

MOVED by Elizabeth Walker  
SECONDED by Heather Forbes

- A. THAT the Civic Asset Naming Committee approve the name "Sawmill Crescent" be recommended to Council for the street shown as Road 13/23 on the graphic contained within the letter dated October 15, 2013, from ParkLane Homes.
- B. THAT the Civic Asset Naming Committee approve the name "North Arm Avenue" (as an extension of the existing North Arm Avenue) be recommended to Council for the street shown as Road 16 on the graphic contained within the letter dated October 15, 2013, from ParkLane Homes.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#### 4. Naming Processes and Policies

Heather Gordon provided an overview of naming processes used by other bodies, including the School Board, Vancouver Public Library and the Park Board. During discussion, members expressed an interest in offering assistance to the Park Board with relation to several parks which will need to be named in the River District area. The Chair requested Ms. Gordon to follow-up with Parks staff in this regard.

#### 5. Correspondence

None.

#### 6. New Business

- (a) Red Robinson - The Committee considered a request from a member of the public to name a civic asset after Red Robinson. During discussion it was noted that the City's Naming Policies and Guidelines specify that City-owned assets should generally be named after people who are no longer living. Therefore, as Mr. Robinson is a living person, the Committee could not approve adding his name to the Civic Asset Name Reserve List.
- (b) Honorary Street Signs - Leslie Clauson advised that Chicago has a system whereby certain streets have additional "honorary" names assigned to them, which are displayed on different coloured blades beneath the official street name, and noted it may be an option for future consideration.
- (c) Naming Alleys - Heather Forbes enquired regarding the naming of alleys which was discussed at the last Committee meeting. Al Zacharias noted there are often requirements for an address on a lane, which would be the only situation where a name would need to be assigned.

**Next Meeting:**

DATE: Monday, March 3, 2014  
TIME: 5:30 pm  
PLACE: City Hall Business Centre  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, City Hall

The Committee adjourned at 6:53 pm.

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