



NOTICE OF MEETING  
CIVIC ASSET NAMING COMMITTEE  
AGENDA

DATE: Monday, June 1, 2015  
TIME: 5:30 pm  
PLACE: Business Centre Meeting Room  
Second Floor, Vancouver City Hall

*If you are unable to attend this meeting, please advise Laura Kazakoff at 604.871.6353 or e-mail [laura.kazakoff@vancouver.ca](mailto:laura.kazakoff@vancouver.ca)*

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Roll Call

Leave of Absence Requests

Introductions

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held March 30, 2015, to be approved.

1. Naming in the News
2. Review of Naming Proposals Submitted by Public
  - (a) Nikola Tesla - see attached.
3. Civic Asset Naming Requests
  - (a) West End Plaza - Naming of permanent plaza at intersection of Bute and Davie Streets
  - (b) Arbutus Village - Extension of Yew Street and naming of new street between Yew and Arbutus Streets

- (c) **Oakridge Mall Development** - Naming of new street to be created along the west edge of the site from Cambie Street to West 41<sup>st</sup> Avenue

**4. Naming of Lanes in the West End**

Further to discussions at previous meetings and working sessions, the Committee is to consider names for the remaining four West End lanes.

**5. New Business**

**Next Meeting:**

Monday, October 5, 2015  
5:30 pm  
Business Centre Meeting Room  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, City Hall

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Agenda Item No: 2(a)

Suggestion to add name to Name Reserve List: Nikola Tesla (1856-1943)

Quoting from email submission:

Nikola Tesla was a Serbian American inventor, electrical engineer, mechanical engineer and futurist best known for his contribution to the design of the modern alternating current electrical supply system and his theories that contributed to the development of everything from modern radios to X-rays. He was a pioneer of wireless communication and first to build such device.

Inspired by famous Canadian Horseshoe Falls, Nikola Tesla designed the first hydro-electric power plant at Niagara Falls.

Due to his global contribution, respected legacy and world wide spread implementation of inventions, we consider the naming as an enrichment to Vancouver's multicultural reputation.

The requestor suggests Nikola Tesla for a downtown Vancouver street.

**Staff comments:**

This request was jointly submitted by representatives of the Consulate of the Republic of Serbia and the Serbian Community of Vancouver.

Nicola Street exists in the West End, but Tesla has not been assigned to any street in the lower mainland. There are no public safety concerns associated with either "Tesla" or "Nikola Tesla."