



CIVIC ASSET NAMING COMMITTEE

MINUTES

September 25, 2017

A meeting of the Civic Asset Naming Committee was held on Monday, September 25, 2017, at 5:31 pm, in Town Hall Room 115, Main Floor, Vancouver City Hall.

PRESENT: Scott Anderson, Acting Chair
Mali Bain
Nellie Cheng
Lois Evans
Paola Qualizza

ABSENT: John Atkin, Chair (Leave of Absence)
Lynne Kennedy (Leave of Absence)
Doug Merry
Teyem Thomas (Sick Leave)

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor Andrea Reimer, Council Liaison
Commissioner Catherine Evans, Park Board Liaison
Penny Noble, Special Liaison
Heather Gordon, City Archivist
Al Zacharias, City Surveyor

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Nicole Ludwig, Meeting Coordinator

Leave of Absence Requests

MOVED by Nellie Cheng
SECONDED by Paola Qualizza

THAT leaves of absence be approved for John Atkin, Lynne Kennedy, and Teyem Thomas for this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Paola Qualizza
SECONDED by Nellie Cheng

THAT the minutes of the Civic Asset Naming Committee meeting held July 10, 2017, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1. Naming in the News

Committee members and liaisons briefly discussed the following news items:

- Global TV spot on how street signs are made in the city;
- Upcoming Park Board motion regarding the renaming of Siwash Rock;
- In Montreal: adding the Iroquois symbol to the flag and the renaming of Amherst Street;
- Internationally: removing of World War II names from army barracks in Germany, renaming of a building at University of Melbourne
- Debate about Sir John A. MacDonald's name;
- Removal of a statue of Matthew Begbie from the BC Law Society lobby.

In discussion, it was noted that it may be time to start formulating a renaming policy and that a motion would be coming forward regarding naming downtown spaces at the Art Gallery and Robson Square.

2. Review of Naming Proposals Submitted by the Public

a. John Drainie

The Committee noted this name is already on the Reserve list in the referenced section. A response will be sent to the requester.

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The Committee agreed to vary the order of the agenda to deal with item 4 as the next item of business. For ease of reference, the minutes are recorded in numerical order.

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3. Street Naming Requests

a. New Street Adjacent to 3580 Graveley Street

Staff advised that the name previously proposed for this street had been rejected by Emergency Services. The Committee discussed alternatives. The Vice-Chair agreed to contact the Police Museum to see if there are any other names that could be assigned, and the City Archivist agreed to contact emergency services to discuss a possible alternate name based on the original suggestion.

b. New Streets Adjacent to Pearson-Dogwood, Langara Gardens, St. Paul's Hospital/False Creek Flats Developments, and Northeast False Creek Street Naming Opportunities

The City Surveyor provided an overview of opportunities to name streets in the above-noted developments. The Committee agreed to start discussing these at their next working session.

4. Canada 150+ Place Naming Project Update

Councillor Reimer provided an update on the Canada 150+ Place naming project, including timelines and criteria for naming assets. She requested the Committee recommend for one Chinese, on South Asian, and one Japanese name for assets at the City Hall Campus.

In discussion, it was decided a renaming policy should be addressed as soon as possible. Mali Bain and Lois Evans agreed to bring ideas for such a policy forward at the Committee's next working session.

5. Staff and Liaison Updates

The City Surveyor provided an update on West End Lanes, noting a report will be going forward to Council naming all lanes in the West End for upcoming developments, based on previous names approved by the Committee.

6. Poster for Council of Councils Event

The Committee discussed the content of the poster for Council of Council event on October 12, 2017. The City Archivist agreed to liaise with the Chair and send the poster ideas to City Clerk's by the October 3, 2017, deadline.

Adjournment

MOVED by Mali Bain
SECONDED by Paola Qualizzo

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next Meeting:

DATE: Monday, November 20, 2017
TIME: 5:30 pm
PLACE: Town Hall Room 115
Main Floor, Vancouver City Hall

The Committee adjourned at 7:17 pm.

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