



NOTICE OF MEETING

CIVIC ASSET NAMING COMMITTEE

AGENDA

DATE: Monday, September 24, 2012
TIME: 5:00 pm
PLACE: Committee Room Number 1
Third Floor, Vancouver City Hall

PLEASE NOTE:

- *If you are unable to attend this meeting, please advise Laura Kazakoff at 604.871.6353 or e-mail laura.kazakoff@vancouver.ca*
 - *Agendas and Minutes are available on the City of Vancouver civic agencies' web site at: <http://vancouver.ca/ctyclerk/civicagencies/civicindex.htm>*
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Roll Call

Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

The Committee to elect a Chair and Vice-Chair.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held Thursday, July 5, 2012, to be approved.

1. Naming in the News

Les Mobbs, Director of Records and Archives, will review several news items relating to street naming in Vancouver since the July Committee meeting.

2. Civic Asset Name Reserve List

The attached revised draft Civic Asset Name Reserve List refers. Les Mobbs will provide an overview on the edits to the list resulting from the Committee's feedback at the July 5, 2012, meeting.

3. Review of Proposed Name Submitted by Public

The Committee to review the attached proposal received via the City's website to determine if the submission is to be added to the Civic Asset Name Reserve List.

4. Civic Asset Naming Requests

(a) Request for the Renaming of Grandview Highway

The attached email dated August 1, 2012, from Eric Doherty, refers.

5. Correspondence

(a) The attached email dated June 4, 2012, from the Chair of the Women's Advisory Committee, refers.

6. New Business

Next Meeting:

Monday, November 19, 2012 at 5:00 pm

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Civic Asset Name Reserve List (September 2012)

1. Names of Persons

Name	Gender	Biographical information / Background	Notes / Geographical connection, if known	Criteria
George P. V. Akrigg	M	(1913-2001) Historian and UBC English professor. Along with wife Helen Akrigg, authored "1001 BC Place Names"	Point Grey	Noteworthy person
Alvo von Alvensleben	M	(1879-1965) Investor/promoter/developer. All-around colourful character.	Lived at 3200 West 41st Ave, currently Crofton House School for Girls	Noteworthy person
August Jack Khatsahlano	M	August Jack Khahtsahlano (also 'Haatsalano, Khahtsahlanogh, etc.) Squamish Chief b. July 16, 1867, Snaug (below Burrard Bridge); baptized Feb. 12, 1879; d. June 14, 1967, Vancouver. Buried at Squamish. Son of Khaytulk (Supple Jack) of Chaythoos; grandson of Chief Khahtasalanough of Snaug. . His wife, Swanamia's English name was Mary Ann. http://www.vancouverhistory.ca/whoswho_K.htm	Kitsilano and Kitsilano Diversion named after him.	Noteworthy person Celebrates diversity
Sam Bass	M	Pharmacist b. April 25, 1915, on a Winnipeg farm; d. Nov. 8, 1990, Vancouver. Son of Kiev area immigrant farmers. Sam and brother Jack became pharmacists; brother Paul received a PhD in pharmacology. Graduated from U. of Manitoba (1939). After serving in WWII as an RCAF pharmacist, he was en route to California when he settled in Vancouver. In 1945, on a loan, he bought Schoff's Drug Store (Main and Union), and renamed it London Drugs. A pioneer in his field, he created the first modern drug store in B.C. and was the first pharmacy discounter. A strong supporter of Jewish charities and community affairs. "He took his profit in pennies." http://www.vancouverhistory.ca/whoswho_B.htm		Noteworthy person Celebrates diversity
Earle Birney	M	Earle Alfred Birney Poet b. May 13, 1904, Calgary, Alta.; d. Aug. 27, 1995, Toronto, Ont. An English graduate (UBC, 1926; PhD, U. of T, 1938), he wrote seriously from the late 1930s. Won two Governor-General poetry awards (1942, 1945) and the Leacock Medal for Humor. Taught literature at UBC (1946-65). Founded UBC's creative writing department, the first in Canada (1963). Published more than 30 books including novels and poetry (Rag and Bone Shop; Ghost in the Wheels: Selected Poems; Turrey (dramatized)). CBC broadcaster, critic, literary editor of Canadian Forum, editor of Canadian Poetry Magazine. Officer of the Order of Canada. D.Litt (UBC, 1987). Biblio: Earle Birney: A Life by Elspeth Cameron. http://www.vancouverhistory.ca/whoswho_B.htm	Point Grey (?)	Noteworthy person

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George Black	M	Butcher, Hotelier b. 1831, Aberdeen, Scotland; d. Dec. 21, 1896, Vancouver. Vancouver pioneer. In 1866, bought waterfront Lot 26 for \$25 down, \$25 later, Vancouver's first real estate transaction. Built a slaughterhouse and supplied meat to Hastings, Moodyville, Stamp's Mill, and ships in harbor. Built two-storey New Brighton Hotel at Hastings where New Westminster road met Burrard Inlet, a popular resort rivalled only by Harrison Hot Springs. "The laird of Hastings" was an "ardent Scotsman, who always wore highland dress to dances, and also imported the area's first race horses." He built Vancouver's first roller rink. http://www.vancouverhistory.ca/whoswho_B.htm	Gastown, original townsite area	Noteworthy person
James Blomfeld	M	Artist in stained glass. Creator of Vancouver's coat of arms. (d.1951)	Home and studio at 10 th Ave West & Columbia in Mount Pleasant. Marked with plaque.	Noteworthy person
Mary Louise Bollert	F	Mary Louise Bollert was UBC's first dean of women b. 1884, Guelph, Ont.; d. Aug. 1, 1945, Vancouver. Graduate, U. of T (BA, 1906); Columbia U. (MA, 1908). Director of women's education and social welfare programs in Toronto, then dean of women at Regina College (1914-21). Appointed first dean of women at UBC (1921-41), officially "advisor to women students," with a salary far below that of male deans. A founder of B.C. Teachers Federation. Delegate to many international women's conferences; one of 12 deans of women invited to tour Japan (1934). President, Confederation of University Women (1929-30). Biblio: "It's Up to You:" Women at UBC in the early years by Lee Stewart. http://www.vancouverhistory.ca/whoswho_B.htm	Mary Bollert Hall, UBC	Noteworthy person

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Hewitt Bostock	M	<p>(May 31, 1864 - April 28, 1930) publisher, businessman and politician. Founded the Province newspaper and then entered politics winning election to the Canadian House of Commons as a Liberal in the 1896 election, representing the riding of Yale–Cariboo for one term (until the 1900 election). In 1904, appointed to the Canadian Senate and in 1922, became Speaker of the Canadian Senate and held the position until his death in 1930. In 1925, he served as a member of the Canadian delegation to the Assembly of the League of Nations.</p> <p>There is a Mount Hewitt Bostock (2183 m or 7162 ft)[2] named in his honour[3] in the northern end of the Canadian Cascades, about 20 kilometres northeast of the Fraser Canyon town of Boston Bar, which is in what had been the riding of Yale–Cariboo where his political career began (today in Chilliwack–Fraser Canyon).</p> <p>http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hewitt_Bostock</p>		Noteworthy person
Francis Bowser	M	<p>Point Grey pioneer b. Sept. 13, 1858, Kingston (now Rexton), NB; d. Sept. 26, 1929, Vancouver. "Trail blazer of Point Grey." At 17, went to sea for five years, then came overland to Victoria (1883). Helped build CPR, then joined Dominion Customs Service (1888-1908) as chief landing officer to 1908. His first home was at MacDonald between 43rd and 44th avenues (1907); his second at Trafalgar and 45th (1926). Reeve of Point Grey. Oldest brother of W.J. Bowser</p> <p>http://www.vancouverhistory.ca/whoswho_B.htm</p>	Point Grey	Noteworthy person
Angelo Branca	M	<p>Judge b. March 21, 1903, Mount Sicker, B.C.; d. Oct. 3, 1984, Vancouver. Canadian amateur middleweight boxing champion. Began practising law in Vancouver in 1926 as leading defence attorney. Defended high profile cases, including more than 60 murderers. "Lost only two ... to the hangman." At 36, he was B.C.'s youngest crown prosecutor ever. A judge with the B.C. Supreme Court (1963-66) and B.C. Court of Appeal (1966-78). Leader in Italian community. A Christopher Columbus statue on Clark was erected by the Italian community in his honor. "A dear friend of the little guy." Biblio: Angelo Branca, Gladiator of the Courts, by Vincent Moore. http://www.vancouverhistory.ca/whoswho_B.htm</p>		Noteworthy person

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W. J. Brewer	M	Signer of petition to incorporate Vancouver in 1886. First reeve of South Vancouver b. c. 1841, Truro, Cornwall, Eng.; d. June 24, 1931, Vancouver. Arrived in Vancouver area in 1870 after living in Australia. In 1884, purchased 10.5 hectares in Cedar Cottage district. Moved to South Vancouver area after the great fire of 1886 destroyed his Granville St. business. In 1889, elected Ward 4 alderman. Elected first reeve of new municipality of South Vancouver (April 30, 1892). Described as "irascible," he sided with local residents who "preferred bad roads to good debts." http://www.vancouverhistory.ca/whoswho_B.htm	South Vancouver	Noteworthy person
Rosemary Brown	F	Rosemary Brown was born in Kingston, Jamaica in 1930, and moved to Canada in 1950 to study at McGill University in Montreal. She served as a Member of the Legislative Assembly (MLA) in the British Columbia legislature from 1972 to 1986, making her the first Black Canadian woman to be elected to a Canadian provincial legislature . In 1975, she became the first black woman to run for the leadership of a Canadian federal party. After departing politics, she became a Professor of women's studies at Simon Fraser University. In 1993, she was appointed Chief Commissioner of the Ontario Human Rights Commission, and served until 1996. In 1995, she was awarded the Order of British Columbia and in 1996 was named an Officer of the Order of Canada. She died of a heart attack on April 26, 2003 in Vancouver, British Columbia. Canada Post featured Brown on a Canadian postage stamp released on February 2, 2009. http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rosemary_Brown_(politician)		Noteworthy person Celebrates diversity
Jimmy Butterfield	M	Prominent Vancouver columnist. b. c.1879, London, Eng.; d. Sept. 23, 1941, Penticton, B.C. Began writing in England for Exchange, Telegraph, London Echo, Westminster Gazette. Freelanced in the Balkans after graduating from Cambridge and Heidelberg. Rached in Kootenays to 1910. In 1914, went overseas with 122nd Battalion, Kootenay Regiment. Recuperated from TB at Balfour Sanatorium. Wrote a daily column, The Common Round in the Vancouver Daily Province (1923-41), competing with the Vancouver Sun's Bob Bouchette. "He launched a dangerous but rarely poisonous shaft against nearly everything, but especially against smugness and pseudo-respectability." http://www.vancouverhistory.ca/whoswho_B.htm		Noteworthy person

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Kathleen Cather	F	<p>Kathleen Cather was the first female lifeguard in British Columbia, she was born and raised at the Roedde house in the west end of Vancouver, she trained with the Group of Seven as a painter and worked at the Woodward's building as a teenager. Being the first female lifeguard in British Columbia is more than reason enough to name a street after her. It shows throughout the history of Vancouver we have been on the cutting edge of social change and acceptance. (From submission by member of the public)</p> <p>Member of the public also submitted a photo of a letter received by Katherin Cather, August 6, 1934, from the BC Branch of the Royal Life Saving Society congratulating her on receiving her membership in the Life Guards Corp and recognizing that she is "now the first woman in the Province to hold this Award." Copy of letter in VanDocs.</p>		Noteworthy person
Robert James Cromie	M	<p>Vancouver Sun founder b. July 4, 1887, Scotstown, Que.; d. May 11, 1936, Victoria. Worked as a bellhop in Winnipeg's Mariaggi Hotel where he met General J.W. Stewart. Hired in 1906 by Stewart to join the Vancouver firm of Foley, Welch and Stewart. Bought debt-ridden Sun, with little money and no experience, and absorbed the News-Advertiser (1917). Also purchased the World (1924) and News-Herald (later sold to Thomson chain). Fought for equalization of grain rates in the west; won in 1925. Died suddenly and sons Donald, Peter and Samuel took over. Donald Cameron Cromie (b. Oct. 16, 1915, Vancouver) sold Sun to the Sifton family's FP Publications in 1963, leaving Vancouver with no locally owned newspaper. http://www.vancouverhistory.ca/whoswho_C.htm</p>		Noteworthy person
Arthur Delamont	M	<p>Band leader b. Jan. 23, 1892, Hereford, Eng.; d. Sept. 11, 1982, Vancouver. As a youth, active in the Salvation Army Band in Moose Jaw, Sask., with father and four brothers. Survivor of 1914 sinking of Empress of Ireland in St. Lawrence. Came to Vancouver in 1922. Played trumpet at Pantages vaudeville theatre. For five decades, from January 1928, "Mr. D" conducted the Kitsilano Boys Band. Won first place in the Toronto Exposition (1931); performed at Chicago's Century of Progress Exposition and NY World's Fair (1939). Long-time PNE performers. "Raised the status of youth bands to an art." Received Vancouver's Good Citizen Award (1946). http://www.vancouverhistory.ca/whoswho_D.htm</p>	Kitsilano. Delamont Park, Arbutus & 8th, named after him.	Noteworthy person

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John Drainie	M	1965 October 30 Actor John Drainie died, aged 49. He was born in Vancouver April 1, 1916. Drainie was called by many the greatest radio actor in the world. Not just in Canada—the world. “He mastered nearly every accent and dialect in the English world,” said a cohort. “Not only could Drainie imitate the voices of six different people in one program, he was able to simulate the sound of a telephone ringing, telephone dialling, a busy signal and even the sound of a bell over a grocery store door.” He was Jake on CBC Radio’s Jake and the Kid, he played Stephen Leacock to perfection, and there were hundreds of other roles. http://www.vancouverhistory.ca/chronology1965.htm	Recommended that name be used in a theatrical or broadcasting context.	Noteworthy person
Yvonne Firkins	F	Theatre producer, director b. Worcester, Eng.; d. Jan. 6, 1966, Vancouver in her 70s. During WWI, lived in Birmingham where she was introduced to theatre. Came to Vancouver in 1920. Her husband, magistrate Walter H.C. Firkins, was a police court clerk for 31 years. Founding member, Vancouver Little Theatre, Vancouver Ballet School and Vancouver Dance Festival. President, B.C. Drama Association; founder, B.C. Dance Festival; member, Community Arts Council; director, Theatre Under the Stars. From 1939-45, production manager of service shows for Pacific Command. In 1964, opened Arts Club Theatre and produced the controversial <i>Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf</i> . "B.C.'s first lady of the theatre." http://www.vancouverhistory.ca/whoswho_F.htm		Noteworthy person
Joe (Seraphim) Fortes	M	Beach guard b. 1865, Barbados; d. Feb. 4, 1922, Vancouver. Came to Vancouver in 1885 and became a regular at English Bay, teaching children to swim. Appointed Vancouver's first official lifeguard in 1901 ; credited with saving more than 100 lives. Lived in a cottage near the Alexandra Park bandstand. In 1986, the Vancouver Historical Society named him Citizen of the Century. http://www.vancouverhistory.ca/whoswho_F.htm	English Bay. Joe Fortes Library on Denman St and memorial fountain in Alexandra Park.	Noteworthy person Celebrates diversity
Terry Fox	M	Terrance Stanley "Terry" Fox CC [Order of Canada] OD [Order of the Dogwood], b. July 28, 1958 ; d. June 28, 1981, was a Canadian humanitarian, athlete, and cancer research activist . In 1980, with one leg having been amputated, he embarked on a cross-Canada run to raise money and awareness for cancer research. Wikipedia	Name could be used for any civic asset	Noteworthy person

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Leonard Juda Frank	M	<p>Master photographer b. July 3, 1870, Berne, Germany; d. Feb. 23, 1944, Vancouver. A Jewish immigrant, he came seeking gold, arriving in Victoria in 1894. Served as postmaster in Port Alberni (1903-17). Began taking pictures with a crude camera won in a mining camp raffle. Moved to Vancouver to become its leading industrial and commercial photographer with a shop and lab at 553 Granville. His logging photos are judged the best ever taken; his photos of Vancouver people and places are "an impressive visual record ... between wars." Took more than 33,000 of the photos in the Vancouver Public Library historic collection. http://www.vancouverhistory.ca/whoswho_F.htm</p>	Photographs/negatives in City of Vancouver Archives, VPL and Jewish Archives.	Noteworthy person Celebrates diversity
Jessie Gordon	F	<p>Founder of Crofton House School, assisted by her sisters, Edith and Mary</p>	Crofton School area, 51st & Blenheim.	Noteworthy person
Helena Gutteridge	F	<p>Suffragette b. c. 1880, London, Eng.; d. Oct. 3, 1960, Vancouver. "Feminist, trade unionist, tailor, socialist, politician." Immigrated to B.C. in 1911. Organized B.C. Women's Suffrage League. Her interest in the working class woman led to trade union activities. Soon took a leading role on Vancouver Trades and Labor Council. Joined the Co-operative Commonwealth Federation (CCF). In 1937, she was elected Vancouver's first woman alderman. http://www.vancouverhistory.ca/whoswho_G.htm</p>		Noteworthy person
Ida Halpern	F	<p>Musicologist b. July 17, 1910, Vienna, Austria; d. Feb. 7, 1987, Vancouver. Immigrated with chemist husband Georg to Vancouver in 1939. A force on the local music scene, she was the first person to study the music of West Coast Indians. Produced four albums of First Nations' songs. Director of the Academy of Music. Province music critic (1952-57). Member, Order of Canada (1978). http://www.vancouverhistory.ca/whoswho_H.htm</p>		Noteworthy person Celebrates diversity

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Rick Hansen	M	<p>"Rick Hansen is a classy, quality individual who has worked tirelessly for over 25 years to improve the quality of life for people with spinal cord injuries and raise money for spinal cord research. He is such an inspiration to people of all ages with spinal cord injuries that it brings tears to my eyes. He is unique. He is a magnificent role model and a bright, unwavering beacon of hope to children, adolescents, and adults who face what they think are insurmountable challenges." (From submission by member of the public)</p> <p>Richard Marvin Hansen, CC, OBC is a Canadian Paralympian and an activist for people with spinal cord injuries. Following a pick up truck accident at the age of 15, Hansen sustained a spinal cord injury that paralyzed him from the waist down. Wikipedia</p>	<p>Potential use on any civic asset.</p> <p>"If it's a street it should, of course, have sidewalks that are fully wheelchair accessible." (From submission by member of the public)</p>	Noteworthy person
Lawren Stewart Harris	M	<p>"Iconic Canadian artist. He influenced the lives and careers of many in B.C. including Emily Carr, E.J. Hughes, B.C. Binning, Gordon Smith and Authur Erickson. A prominent and proud resident of Vancouver from 1940 until his death in 1970." (From submission by member of the public)</p> <p>Lawren Stewart Harris, CC was a Canadian painter. He was born in Brantford, Ontario and is best known as a member the Group of Seven who pioneered a distinctly Canadian painting style in the early twentieth century. Wikipedia</p>	Full name for use on any civic asset other than a street, given the duplication in names.	Noteworthy person
Oliver M. Hocking	M	<p>Hotelier In 1858, in partnership with Fred Houston, he built the Brighton Hotel at what is now the foot of Windermere St., with a floating wharf for bathers. Three stages stopped daily, and a coachman announced arrivals with a bugle blast. Mill workers and loggers used the wharf en route to mills along Burrard Inlet. On March 1, 1866, he was appointed deputy collector of customs at Burrard Inlet, making it possible for captains to fill out their papers without walking through the woods to New Westminster. In March 1869, the partners sold the hotel to Maxie Michaud. "Hocking's" could be considered the first name for what became Vancouver. http://www.vancouverhistory.ca/whoswho_H.htm</p>		Noteworthy person

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John Innes	M	<p>Painter. c.1863-1941. He painted and worked as a commercial artist in Vancouver from 1913 until his death in 1941, in addition to his fine art painting career. He had a one-man exhibition at the Hotel Vancouver in 1915, showing sixteen canvasses in an exhibition titled "Chunks of the Western Epic". He also exhibited with the B.C. Society of Fine Artists, the Ontario Society of Artists, the Royal Canadian Academy, and at the 1904 Louisiana Purchase Exhibition in St. Louis. He also designed the posters for the 1919 Victory Loan campaign in British Columbia.</p> <p>See: http://www.sim-publishing.com/demo-ji.htm</p>		Noteworthy person
Henry Larsen	M	<p>c.1899-1961. Commander of <i>St Roch</i> in first northwest passage (1940-42). See: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Henry_Larsen_(explorer)</p>	The Canadian Coast Guard named an icebreaker, the CCGS Henry Larsen, to honour Larsen. Also Henry Larsen Elementary School, Ottawa.	Noteworthy person
Lily Laverock	F	<p>First woman general reporter on a Vancouver newspaper. Theatrical impresario. b Edinburgh, Scotland, 14 Jun 1880, d Vancouver 2 Dec 1969. She emigrated to Canada in the 1890s with her family and attended McGill University College (Vancouver) and later McGill University. A founding member of the University Women's Club (1907) and the Vancouver branch of the Canadian Women's Press Club (1909), she became a reporter for the Vancouver World (1910) and later women's editor for the News-Advertiser (ca 1918). She was the first woman in Vancouver to become a general reporter. By 1921 she had begun to work as an impresario, and in the succeeding years brought to the city, through her International Celebrity Concerts, such figures as Geraldine Farrar, Jascha Heifetz, Fritz Kreisler, Nellie Melba, John McCormack, Benno Moiseivitsch, and Sergei Rachmaninoff, and such ensembles as the Don Cossack Singers and the Ballet Russe de Monte Carlo - an effort which made a profound contribution to the musical life of Vancouver. Laverock temporarily suspended her concert sponsorship at the beginning of World War II and retired in the early 1950s.</p> <p>http://www.thecanadianencyclopedia.com/articles/emc/lily-laverock</p>		Noteworthy person
Robert Gordon McBeath	M	<p>22 December 1898 - 9 October 1922. Born in Kinlochbervie, Sutherland was a Scottish recipient of the Victoria Cross, the highest and most prestigious medal that can be awarded to members of British military forces. Following the end of World War I McBeath married and emigrated to Canada where he was killed in the line of duty while working as a police officer in Vancouver, British Columbia.</p> <p>http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Robert_McBeath</p>	A Vancouver Police Marine vessel is named the R.C. McBeath VC in honour of Robert McBeath, as is a housing development, McBeath Court, in his home town of Kinlochbervie.	Noteworthy person

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Tommy McGrath	M	<p>1927-1996. Born in Saint John, New Brunswick, Tom McGrath had a long and distinguished career in the labour movement. He was active in a Canadian Seamen's Union strike in South Africa in 1949. He was a delegate to the founding convention of the West Coast Seamen's Union which replaced the disbanded CSU on the West Coast. After the collapse of the Second Narrows Bridge in Vancouver in June, 1958, he refused to take his men back to work, was dismissed by the International Association of Bridge, Structural and Ornamental Ironworkers Union, and organized the Canadian Ironworkers Local No. 1 and became its Secretary. He was President of Local 400, Seamen's Section of the Canadian Brotherhood of Railway, Transport and General Workers, 1970-1982, as well as serving as an Inspector for the International Transport Federation in Vancouver. He served as National Vice-President for the CBRT in Ottawa for 12 years and became President of the Canadian Merchant Navy Association in 1990. He died in 1996 after a prolonged battle with cancer. See: http://www.library.ubc.ca/spcoll/AZ/inventories/rescolm.html</p>	Papers in UBC Special Collections	Noteworthy person
Sara Ann McLagan	F	<p>Sara Anne McLagan (née Maclure) First Canadian woman newspaper editor b. 1855, near Belfast, Ire.; d. March 20, 1924, Vancouver. Her father, Sergeant John C. Maclure, came to New Westminster in 1858 with the Royal Engineers. Sara was educated in New Westminster. A co-founder of Vancouver Daily World with husband James C. McLagan. After his death, she continued as president and editor, publishing with brother Frederick S. Maclure (b. c. 1864, New Westminster; d. Nov. 25, 1941, Iona Island, B.C.).</p> <p>See also: http://www.biographi.ca/EN/009004-119.01-e.php?id_nbr=8263</p>		Noteworthy person

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Harvey Reginald MacMillan	M	<p>Lumber magnate b. Sept. 9, 1885, Newmarket, Ont.; d. Feb. 9, 1976, Vancouver. Attended Ontario Agricultural College and Yale Forestry School. In 1908, hired as assistant inspector, Western Canada forest reserves, but spent two years in a TB sanitorium. In 1912, named chief B.C. forester. During WWI, worked for federal timber-trade commissioner and Imperial Munitions Board. In 1919, backed by British timber merchant Montague Meyer, launched H.R. MacMillan Export. His manager (later partner) was W.J. VanDusen. During WWII, chair of Wartime Shipping Ltd., a Crown corporation. LL.D (UBC, 1950). Merged with Bloedel, Stewart and Welch (1951). Resigned as chair in 1956; resigned as a director in 1970. Biblio: H.R. by Ken Drushka. http://www.vancouverhistory.ca/whoswho_M.htm</p>	<p>H.R. MacMillan Space Centre (Vanier Park) and H.R. MacMillan Building (UBC).</p>	Noteworthy person
Joseph Mannion	M	<p>Unofficial first mayor of Vancouver b. March 17, 1839, County Mayo, Ire.; d. Sept. 12, 1918, Lillooet, B.C. Left priestly studies to hunt for gold in the Cariboo, arriving in New Westminster on April 19, 1862. From 1864, worked as a stevedore, telegraph company employee, miner and logger. In 1874, bought a half interest in the Granville Hotel (later sole proprietor). In 1881, his two sons drowned when their canoe was swamped on English Bay. Known as "the mayor of Granville" before the first official mayor, M.A. MacLean, was elected. Elected alderman (1888) but resigned and moved to 160 acres on Bowen Island. "Settled into the life of a country squire." Signer of petition to incorporate Vancouver in 1886. http://www.vancouverhistory.ca/whoswho_M.htm</p>		Noteworthy person
Charles Marega	M	<p>First professional B.C. sculptor b. Sept. 24, 1871, Genoa, Italy; d. March 27, 1939, Vancouver. Arrived in Vancouver in 1909. In addition to sculpting, he also taught art. His work can still be seen in Vancouver, including a statue of Captain Vancouver at City Hall and twin lions at the south end of Lions Gate Bridge. http://www.vancouverhistory.ca/whoswho_M.htm</p>		Noteworthy person

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Ranjit Mattu	M	<p>(1916-1989) Ranjit Mattu Star athlete b. July 17, 1916, Jullunder, Punjab, India; d. March 23, 1989, Malibu, Calif. Came to Vancouver in 1924. The "Gretsky of his time." Graduated with a BA from UBC as a star athlete in rugby and football. He coached Canadian high school football and later jr. football (to 1949). His team, The Vancouver Blue Bombers, were the Dominion Champions of 1947, the first such championship won by Vancouver. Joined his father's firm, Best Fuels; later established various business interests including Ocean City Sawmills (renamed Hem-fir Lumber) on Mitchell Island. A community leader, he was Indian Prime Minister Pandit Nehru's organizer and host when Nehru visited B.C. in 1949. http://www.vancouverhistory.ca/whoswho_M.htm See also: http://multiculturalcanada.ca/node/15015</p>		<p>Noteworthy person Celebrates diversity</p>
Maximillian Michaud	M	<p>Maxie (Maximillian) Michaud Hotelier, early French pioneer b. c. 1874, Point Levis, Que.; d. June 1, 1960, Langley, B.C. Walked across Canada to the Pacific. Bought the Brighton Hotel (located at the foot of today's Windermere St. in Vancouver) in March 1869 from Oliver Hocking (see bio). Changed name to Hastings Hotel, promising "Travellers can be accommodated at all hours with good beds and meals. A good stock of liquors and cigars." It became a popular spot with holidayers from New Westminster. He was "not exactly married" to his companion, Frisadie, who "charms all sojourners at the 'End of the Road.'" http://www.vancouverhistory.ca/whoswho_M.htm</p>	<p>Early resident in New Brighton Park area</p>	<p>Noteworthy person</p>
Masumi Mitsui	M	<p>(1890-1997) WWI hero b. Oct. 7, 1887, Japan; d. April 22, 1987, Vancouver. One of 196 local Japanese residents who volunteered for WWI. Of these, 145 men were killed or wounded. After leading his troop up Vimy Ridge, Sergeant Mitsui received the Military Medal for Bravery (April 1917), one of 12 Japanese to receive the honor in WWI. In 1942, his family was moved from their seven-hectare Port Coquitlam chicken farm and new house to an internment camp in Greenwood, B.C. In August 1985, Masumi was the honored guest at the relighting of the lantern in the Japanese Canadian War Memorial (built in 1925) in Stanley Park. The light was extinguished during the Pacific war. http://www.vancouverhistory.ca/whoswho_M.htm</p>		<p>Noteworthy person Celebrates diversity</p>

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David Oppenheimer	M	<p>(c.1831-1897) Mayor 1888-1891 b. Jan. 1, 1832 Bleiskastel, Germany; d. Dec. 31, 1897 Germany; arrived Vancouver 1860; d. Dec. 1897, Vancouver. Often called the "father" of Vancouver, this wealthy entrepreneur believed public works operations belonged to the taxpayers. During the election campaign of 1888 he promised a skeptical electorate its own water service, public transportation and sewage system. Within two years, by 1890, streetcars were running along city streets and a water connection from the Capilano River had been installed. Oppenheimer personally paid the water fees, and liberally donated money for the construction of Alexandra Orphanage and the YMCA. He also donated land for city parks including East Park (later Exhibition Park, now Hastings Park, home for years to the PNE). The second-largest landowner in Vancouver after the Canadian Pacific Railway, Mayor Oppenheimer fostered industrial development when he donated land for B.T. Rogers to build a sugar refinery, the first manufacturing operation in the city. He established the B.C. Electric Railway Company (now B.C. Hydro). Part of the alternative to the West Side, CPR-affiliated business elite led by William Templeton, David Oppenheimer was acclaimed mayor in two of his four single-year terms of office. http://www.vancouverhistory.ca/whoswho_mayors.htm#2</p>	<p>Oppenheimer Park and David Oppenheimer Elementary School named after him. David Oppenheimer statue at the entrance to Stanley Park.</p>	<p>Noteworthy person Celebrates diversity</p>
Peter Basil Pantages	M	<p>(c.1901-1971) Polar Bear Club founder b. Nov. 15, 1901, Andros, Greece; d. May 4, 1971, Hawaii. Ran the Peter Pan Cafe with his three brothers from the early 1920s. Founder (1920) and director (for 51 years) of the Polar Bear swimming club, promoting New Year's Day outdoor swimming. Member, Canadian Restaurant Association. An ardent fisherman; member of Canadian Wildlife Association and Royal Lifeguard Association. He swam every day, no matter where he travelled. Son Basil remains president of the Polar Bear Club.</p>		<p>Noteworthy person Celebrates diversity</p>

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Partridge	M/F	James Lloyd and Ruby Margaret - local actors PARTRIDGE -- James Lloyd passed away suddenly on March 30, 1999 at the age of 78 while working as a performer on a film set. He is survived by his beloved wife of 57 years, Ruby; his sister Maureen in England and his brother Noel of Huntsville, Ontario; his children: son James Robert (Lynda), son Peter William (Sandra), son Gordon Thomas (Wendy) and daughter Patricia Maureen RICKETTS (Wayne). "Poppa" will also be deeply missed by his grandchildren: Lisa, Deanna, Michelle, Braden, Jillian and Andrew and his many nieces and nephews. The entire extended Partridge family and Jim's multitude of friends know his life was one to be celebrated as exceptional; a talented son, an airman, a cook extraordinaire, a writer, an actor, a nature-lover, an executive, a star-gazer, bird watcher, gardener -- but most of all a warm, happy husband and, as he referred to himself, "D.O.S.O.D., a dear old sweet old Dad". A memorial service will be held Wednesday, April 7 at 2 p.m. at Mount Seymour United Church, 1200 Parkgate Avenue (off Mount Seymour Parkway) in North Vancouver. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Canadian Cancer Society. Vancouver Sun 3 April 1999.		Noteworthy person
Harry Rankin	M	Long-serving City of Vancouver Councillor. See also: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Harry_Rankin	Lived at 3570 Hull Street, East Van, near Trout Lake	Noteworthy person
Connie Fogal (Rankin)	F	Former wife of Harry; community activist. See also: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Connie_Fogal	Lived at 3570 Hull Street, East Van, near Trout Lake	Noteworthy person
F. M. Rattenbury	M	(c.1867-1935) Architect of Provincial legislature building, Empress Hotel and Vancouver Court House (now Vancouver Art Gallery). See also: http://www.vancouverhistory.ca/archives_rattenbury.htm	Lived in Oak Bay, Vancouver Island	Noteworthy person

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Yip Sang	M	<p>(aka Yip Chun Tien) Chinatown pioneer b. Sept. 6, 1845, Canton, China; d. July 21, 1927, Vancouver. An orphan, he sailed at 19 by junk from Hong Kong to San Francisco's gold rush. Worked 17 years as dishwasher, cook, cigar maker. Came to Canada in 1881, settling in Vancouver's Chinatown. Established Wing Sang Co. (1888). In early 1900s, as a CPR contractor, supplied laborers in B.C. and Alberta and sold rail and steam tickets. In 1889, built Wing Sang Building (51-67 E. Pender), the oldest standing structure in Chinatown. Married Lee Shee in China (1886). After her death, he remarried three times. His family included 19 sons and 4 daughters, and is now in its seventh generation in B.C. Father of Kew Ghim Yip and Yip Mow (b. 1890 on Chinese New Year, Canton, China; d. Nov. 17, 1951, Vancouver), who took over his father's business. Yip Mow chaired the Vancouver branch of the Chinese Nationalist League. Chiang Kai-Shek sent a message of condolence on his death. Biblio: Biography of Yip Sang by the Yip Sang Family. http://www.vancouverhistory.ca/whoswho_S.htm</p>		<p>Noteworthy person Celebrates diversity</p>
Frederick William Sentell	M	<p>Frederick William Sentell, one of Vancouver's earlier Aldermen and the builder of Vancouver's first city hall at 100 Powell Street also built many homes in what is now known as Strathcona.</p> <p>Frederick William Sentell was born in St. John, New Brunswick on May 31, 1858, the son of Edward Sentell and Margaret Blair. He came to Vancouver around 1887. Frederick William Sentell died on January 22, 1951 at the age of 92 and is buried in the Old Section of Mountain View Cemetery. Alice Sentell died on October 14, 1956 at the age of 83 and is buried with her husband. Their son is buried in the Old section of Mountain View Cemetery in plot 1/02/024/0012. See Mountain View Cemetery site: http://vancouver.ca/commsvcs/nonmarketoperations/mountainview/interesting/sentell.htm</p>	Strathcona neighbourhood	<p>Noteworthy person</p>

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Gordon Shrum	M	<p>First SFU chancellor b. June 14, 1896, Smithville, Ont.; d. June 20, 1985, Vancouver. Grew up on a farm. Attended Hamilton Collegiate with Lester Pearson. Fought at Passchendale. Graduate, U. of T (BA, math, 1920; PhD, 1923). At 29, crossed Canada in a Model T to teach at UBC. Head of UBC physics department (1938-61); dean of graduate studies (1956-61). As SFU chancellor (1962-68), pushed through construction of "Berkeley North" in 18 months. Forced to retire at 65, he chaired the B.C. Energy Board under W.A.C. Bennett. Oversaw projects such as Vancouver Museum/Planetarium complex, the courthouse, and waterfront convention centre. OBE (1946); LL.D (UBC, 1961); Order of Canada (1967). http://www.vancouverhistory.ca/whoswho_S.htm See also: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gordon_Shrum</p>	Gordon Shrum Common Block, Place Vanier, UBC, named after him.	Noteworthy person
Joseph Silvey	M	<p>Portuguese Joe, an early settler. See: Jean Barman, <i>The Remarkable Adventures of Portuguese Joe Silvey</i>, 2004.</p>	Stanley Park / Coal Harbour	Noteworthy person Celebrates diversity
Erwin Swangard	M	<p>Sports reporter, PNE president b. May 11, 1908, Munich, Germany; d. May 5, 1993, Vancouver. Emigrated to Canada in 1930. As a freelance sports reporter, covered the 1936 Olympic Games. Province foreign editor for five years (. 1944-49). Worked his way up in Vancouver Sun; appointed managing editor (March 1959). Founded Tournament of Soccer Champions for juvenile soccer. Promoted British Empire and Commonwealth Games in Vancouver (1954) and first Grey Cup final outside Toronto (1955). One of seven founders of B.C. Lions. Raised almost \$1 million to build Swangard Stadium, opened in 1969. "Mr. PNE" was appointed president in January 1977, a position held for 13 consecutive annual terms. Member, Order of Canada (1989). http://www.vancouverhistory.ca/whoswho_S.htm</p>		Noteworthy person
Georgia Sweney	F	<p>Georgia Sweney Hastings Mill's first teacher. d. Sept. 4, 1940, Santa Paulo, Calif. Graduate of girl's seminary in Victoria. An accomplished musician and artist, her admirers noted that she could also "milk a cow." Her pencil sketches are in the Vancouver City Archives. Taught classes at Hastings Mill School in 1872. The school was also used as a city church. Taught until 1872, when she left for San Francisco. Married John Franklin Cummings in the early 1880s. http://www.vancouverhistory.ca/whoswho_S.htm</p>		Noteworthy person

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Lilian To	F	(- 2005) Tireless and passionate advocate for newcomers as CEO of SUCCESS. See also: http://www.straight.com/article/lilian-to-honoured and http://www.successbc.ca/eng/component/option,com_mtree/task,viewlink/link_id,113/Itemid,26/		Noteworthy person Celebrates diversity
Witford Julian VanDusen	M	(July 18, 1889 - December 15, 1978) Lumber mgnate and philanthropist. Established Vancouver Foundation. Donated land for VanDusen Gardens. http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Whitford_Julian_VanDusen	The VanDusen Botanical Garden in Vancouver was named after VanDusen.	Noteworthy person
Jack Wasserman	M	Columnist b. Feb. 17, 1927, Winnipeg, Man.; d. April 6, 1977, Vancouver. Came to Vancouver in 1935. Dropped out of law school to take reporter's job with Ubysey. Graduated from UBC (1949); joined Vancouver Sun, becoming a police reporter. His biggest scoop was the sordid death of Errol Flynn in a West End apartment. Longtime gossip and self-described "saloon reporter" columnist. Hosted an open line program with CJOR; later hosted Hourglass on CBC TV. Fired by the Sun (1967) for hosting his radio show but rehired 18 months later. A governor of the National Film Board. Died of a heart attack while speaking at the Hotel Vancouver during a roast for Gordon Gibson Sr. http://www.vancouverhistory.ca/whoswho_W.htm		Noteworthy person
George Woodcock	M	Poet, historian, biographer, editor (Canadian Literature). (May 8, 1912 - January 28, 1995) See also: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/George_Woodcock	George Woodcock Lifetime Achievement Award honours an outstanding literary career in British Columbia	Noteworthy person

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2. Names of Plants

Name	Background	Notes / Geographical connection, if known	Criteria
Catalpa			
Elderberry			
Filbert			
Locust			
Pear			
Plane			
Silk			
Snowbell			
Zelkova			

3. Names of Places etc.

Name	Background	Notes / Geographical connection, if known	Criteria
Lebanon	No information on source of name		Celebrates diversity
Marsh	No information on source of name	False Creek area.	Recognizes natural feature
Patriarch Way	No information on source of name	Near Greek Orthodox Church, 4500 Arbutus Street.	Celebrates diversity
Marine Boilermakers Way		Commemorate industrial history of Southeast False Creek area.	Commemorates history/places
Sea Foam	Name of West Vancouver ferry put into service in June 1911.	Burrard Inlet	Commemorates history/places
Ararat	Historic mountain and symbol of Armenia	Name to be used for new street, avenue or boulevard near Armenian Community Centre and Church at Granville Street and 67th Avenue	Celebrates diversity
Incorporation	To commemorate the signers of the petition to incorporate the City of Vancouver in 1886	Likely more relevant to the oldest parts of the City, i.e., Gastown	Commemorates history/places

Name	Gender	Biographical information / Background	Notes / Geographical connection, if known	Criteria
Occupy		"The Occupy movement as a whole has completely changed the public discourse around social services, taxation, government spending, corruption, and corporate collusion. The Vancouver chapter specifically altered the primary topics of discussion in the media for months. (Check the business-, economy-, and government-related headlines 6 months prior, and the 6 months since.) Their dedication to feeding, housing, and engaging with the homeless, changing the nature of our interactions as citizens, and unfaltering optimism and hope in their fellow human being should be commemorated and celebrated." (From submission by member of the public)	Consideration to apply this name to a civic asset will include an evaluation as to the relevance of the name at the (future) current time.	Commemorates event
Barcelona		To honour the historical and cultural ties between the two cities, both of which are Olympic cities.	Request from Catalan Association, n.d.	Celebrates diversity
Yokohama		Sister City		Celebrates diversity
Guangzhou		Sister City		Celebrates diversity
Los Angeles		Sister City		Celebrates diversity
Odessa		Sister City		Celebrates diversity

Civic Asset Naming Committee - Names submitted by public for Civic Asset Name Reserve List (2012-09-24)

	Name and Background		Where this name should be used			Criteria Yes/No	Criteria	Review Notes	Name accepted for Reserve List	Response to Person Submitting
	Suggested Name	Why this is a good name to use or background info about this name:	This name should be used for:	Details/Other:	The best location(s) for this name:					
1	Farrell	<p>William Farrell and his son Gordon Farrell founded and ran BC Tel for over 60 years (1890s to 1960s) and were major contributors to Vancouver, helping to found the BC Cancer Agency, the Vancouver Foundation, the Vancouver Aquarium, the Victory Loan Campaign of World War I, the Vancouver Civic Centre, and numerous other community initiatives. The Farrells moved to Vancouver in 1891 and William Farrell became the first General Manager of Yorkshire Trust, which financed many early businesses including BC Electric which went on to become BC Hydro. The Farrells were also affiliated with Ocean Cement and Union Steamships. William Farrell is a Business Laureate of British Columbia. see: http://www.businesslaureatesbc.org/farrell_video/farrell_w.html The Farrells were considered to be one of the most influential Vancouver families of their time. Their descendants continue to live in and contribute to Vancouver.</p>	Street		Farrells lived originally in the West End and later around Marine Drive in Kerrisdale. The BC Tel headquarters is on Robson and Seymour.	Yes	Noteworthy Person	Farrell does not duplicate a street name in Metro Vancouver. The closest related name is Farwell Street, Burnaby.		

Kazakoff, Laura

To: Naming Applications
Subject: FW: Re-naming Grandview Highway?

-----Original Message-----

From: Eric Doherty _____
Sent: Wednesday, August 01, 2012 3:49 PM
To: Naming Applications
Subject: Re-naming Grandview Highway?

I would like to suggest that the designation "Highway" be changed so that Grandview Highway within the City of Vancouver be re-named Grandview Avenue or Grandview Boulevard.

The intention of my suggestion is to make it clear that this is not a high-speed highway, and is instead an urban street. The City of Surrey recently re-named King George Highway to King George Boulevard for the same reason.

Is this a request that is properly directed to the Naming Advisory Committee? Or should it be directed via another channel, such as directly to City Council?

Thank you,

Eric

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Eric Doherty MCIP - Ecopath Planning

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SUPPORTS ITEM 5(a)
CIVIC ASSET NAMING COMMITTEE AGENDA
SEPTEMBER 24, 2012

From: Wendy Williams
Sent: Monday, June 04, 2012 3:22 PM
To: Burke, Teresita
Cc: Reimer, Andrea
Subject: street names

Hello Chair of Civic Naming Committee
As chair of the Women's Advisory Committee I am sending you a news item out of Italy on naming streets . Hopefully your Committee will set as one of your goals to name all our civic assets to reflect the diversity and make up of our City
Thanks
Wendy Williams
Chair Women's Advisory Committee

From: Women's eNews [<mailto:womensenewstoday@womensenews.org>]
Sent: May 18, 2012 2:16 AM
To: Women's eNews
Subject: Sardinian Town Bows to Italy's 'Pink-Street' Project



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Sardinian Town Bows to Italy's 'Pink-Street' Project

By Valeria Marchetti
WeNews correspondent
Friday, May 18, 2012

Italy has very few women's names on its signs for streets and plazas, according to female geographers. In an effort to end this "cultural invisibility," they are pushing for a 50-50 division in male-female signage.



ROME (WOMENSENEWS)--Street names in Italy are still being counted, but one village isn't waiting to add



A "pink" street in Rome, Italy.

Credit: Courtesy of favim.com

more women to their signs, as an advocacy group here began urging earlier this year. On March 8, International Women's Day, Olmedo, a village among Sardinia's 377 councils, agreed to name 19 places after important women.

That brings Olmedo, with 19 percent of its signs dedicated to women, almost in line with Norway's Oslo, a global frontrunner in female signage, at 20 percent.

Among the new names on Olmedo's streets will be Nilde Iotti, the first female president of the chamber of Italy's parliament, and Elsa Morante, a writer and poet who died in 1985.

"Other Italian municipalities are seriously considering our proposal, such as the cities of Potenza and Catania," said Marina Convertino, the webmaster of a Rome-based site that began a gender census in January of the country's street names. [The group](#), with a name that translates as Feminine Toponymy, began collecting names of notable Italian women that city councils use on their street signs.

Feminine Toponymy's volunteers have e-mailed every city council in Italy, said Convertino. In the e-mail they proposed that leaders of local governments commit to dedicating half of their street and place signs to notable women from Italy and around the world.

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Few Collaborations

Feminine Toponymy said they've been able to collaborate with only 290 Italian councils, or less than 1 percent of the total councils in the country. Puglia is the most collaborative region, with 125 councils having agreed to count their "pink streets." But several regions--including Tuscany, Liguria, Trentino Alto Adige and Umbria--haven't replied to the proposal.

Italy ranks average in its male-female signage among European countries, where roughly 5 percent of signs carry the names of women.

Toponymy, the study of place names, is a matter of interest to Maria Pia Ercolini, a professor of geography at Rome's Giulio Verne College, who founded the campaign.

"During my research, I realized that women are culturally invisible," Ercolini said in a recent email interview. "For that reason I decided to share information about this kind of gender discrimination and put pressure on every single township in Italy, so that 50 percent of the streets, squares or gardens would be named after women."

Most female streets names in Italy pay homage to saints, the Virgin Mother, religious benefactress and nuns. Only about 2 percent of street and place names are dedicated to Italy's female writers, scientists or national heroines.

Facebook Project

Ercolini started the project through a [Facebook page](#), which has attracted over 3,000 people interested in joining as supporters. From there, webmaster Convertino converted the group into a dedicated website. The group now claims about 100 volunteers who carry out the campaign and recruit others to collaborate with the initiative.

The group is also branching out. It recently launched "Toponymy on Campus" to count the internal streets of every university, seeking 50 percent representation on campus signs of Italian female scientists, politicians, scholars and writers.

Barbara Belotti, a volunteer in charge of the "pink streets" census in Rome, said 600 streets in that city out of 16,067 bear women's names. Many Roman streets are dedicated

to famous cities and places. But when those are excluded, the streets named after humans are disproportionately male: 47 percent compared to less than 4 percent female.

Belotti said that while most of the female-named Roman streets are dedicated to Catholic figures, 10.7 percent pay homage to pagan Roman goddesses such as Venus, Minerva and Artemis.

Francesca Zajczyk, a professor of sociology at Bicocca University in Milan, has joined the push for more female street names in the country's famous fashion capital. Delegates are still evaluating the proposal, but she said she doesn't have high hopes.

"Quite frankly I believe it will be very hard to achieve 50 percent of streets named after women in a short time," she said.

Valeria Marchetti is an Italian journalist based in Rome.