



## VANCOUVER CIVIC ASSET NAMING COMMITTEE

### MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 24, 2012

A meeting of the Vancouver Civic Asset Naming Committee was held on Monday, September 24, 2012, at 5:00 pm, in Committee Room 1, Third Floor, Vancouver City Hall.

**PRESENT:** Verna Magee Shepherd, Chair  
Dmitry Alenushkin, Vice-Chair  
Leslie Clauson  
Stephanie Doerksen  
Elizabeth Walker

**ALSO PRESENT:** Leslie Mobbs, Director of Records and Archives

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

#### Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

Verna Magee Shepherd and Dmitry Alenushkin were elected Chair and Vice-Chair respectively, by acclamation.

#### Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Elizabeth Walker  
SECONDED by Leslie Clauson

THAT the minutes of the July 5, 2012, meeting be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#### 1. Naming in the News

Les Mobbs, Director of Records and Archives, provided an overview of recent media coverage concerning street naming in general and the Committee's recommendations for "Nunavut" and "Saskatchewan" in particular. He thanked Elizabeth Walker for handling media interviews, noting she did an excellent job.

Committee members noted other street naming issues referenced in the news since the last meeting.

## 2. Civic Asset Name Reserve List

Les Mobbs provided an overview of the revised draft Civic Asset Name Reserve List, noting the changes made in response to members' suggestions at the July 5<sup>th</sup> meeting. He recommended further refinements to shorten the biographical descriptions to a few lines each prior to the list being published on the City's website. He noted he would assign an archivist to do that work and bring it back to the Committee for approval at the next meeting.

During discussion it was noted that names related to botanicals and places would be considered at the time that such a name may be required, and therefore they could be removed from the list. The following revisions were therefore agreed upon:

- remove all names under the heading "Names of Plants".
- remove all names under the heading "Names of Places etc";
- move "Occupy", which the Committee had previously agreed to place on the list, under a new heading "Other";
- rather than "Incorporation", the Committee had previously agreed that an appropriate name, still to be determined, to commemorate the signers of the petition to incorporate Vancouver could be given to a civic asset, such as a square or plaza.

## 3. Review of Proposed Name Submitted by Public

The Committee considered a request from a member of the public to add the name "Farrell" to the Civic Asset Name Reserve List, after William and Gordon Farrell, the founders of BC Tel. Following Committee discussion, it was therefore,

MOVED by Dmitry Alenushkin  
SECONDED by Elizabeth Walker

THAT the name "Farrell" be added to the Civic Asset Name Reserve List, for potential use as a street.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#### 4. Civic Asset Naming Requests

##### (a) Request for the Renaming of Grandview Highway

The Committee had before it an email from Eric Doherty requesting that consideration be given to rename Grandview Highway to change the word "Highway" to "Avenue" or "Boulevard".

Committee members requested the matter be brought back for further discussion to a future meeting, along with the following information:

- the circumstances and context around the renaming of King George Highway in Surrey, and the impacts, if any;
- the potential impacts of renaming Grandview to remove "Highway", including the approximate number of addresses which would be affected, costs, etc.;
- history regarding the naming of Grandview Highway.

#### 5. Correspondence

- (a) E-mail from Chair of Women's Advisory Committee - Verna Magee Shepherd agreed to send a response to the Chair of the Women's Advisory Committee, in regard to her email requesting that consideration be given to reflecting the diversity of the city when naming civic assets.

#### 6. New Business

- (a) Fraserlands Street Naming - Les Mobbs responded to questions concerning the timeline and process of the upcoming Fraserlands development, in terms of the new street names which will be required.

#### ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Leslie Clauson  
SECONDED by Dmitry Alenushkin

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#### Next Meeting:

DATE: Monday, November 19, 2012  
TIME: 5:00 pm  
PLACE: to be determined

The Committee adjourned at 6:05 pm

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