



Dear City Council,

As the outgoing Edmonton Naming Committee chair, I am honoured to present our annual report, reflecting our dedicated efforts over the past year to enrich Edmonton's urban landscape through thoughtful and inclusive naming practices. Our volunteer committee has worked diligently to ensure that every name we propose adds to the city's cultural tapestry and resonates with the values of respect, diversity and inclusivity.

This year, we have reached significant milestones, approving diverse names that celebrate Edmonton's rich heritage and multicultural identity. From honouring local heroes to acknowledging our Indigenous roots, each name tells a story contributing to our collective sense of belonging and community pride.

As my tenure as Chair concludes, I reflect on our transformative journey with immense pride. From the River Valley Trail to renaming Oliver, our work transcends naming; it is about crafting Edmonton's identity and fostering a vibrant spirit. These efforts have reshaped our city's landscape and deepened our community bonds.

This role has offered me invaluable opportunities to engage with diverse community voices, enriching our collective narrative. Although I am transitioning to a committee member-at-large, my commitment to our city's legacy remains steadfast. I am honoured to have contributed to building the Edmonton we envision for tomorrow, and I am confident in the continued excellence of our committee.

Thank you to the City Council, my committee peers, and the Edmonton community for this remarkable journey. We have laid a legacy of care, connection, and respect to guide our city's path forward.

We invite your feedback and further discussion on how we can enhance the naming process in Edmonton, ensuring it remains a reflection of our city's vibrant diversity. Thank you for your continued support and trust in our committee.

Sincerely,

Erin McDonald

Purpose of the Annual Report

This annual report has been developed to meet the requirements of Bylaw 18156 - Council Committees Bylaw, which sets out the annual reporting requirements for Council Committees. Under Bylaw 18156, all Council Committees will:

- Report to Council at least annually.
- Approve a work plan that aligns with Council's strategic objectives and the Council Committee's mandate, including a reporting of what resources were provided in the previous year and the anticipated resource requirements for the upcoming year.
- Report to Council and during its annual report to Council, a Council Committee must present the work plan as well as a summary of the status of the previous year's work plan.

Mandate of Naming Committee (NC)

The mandate of the Committee is to name the City's development areas, parks, municipal facilities, roads, honorary roads, and wards, in accordance with, and subject to any exemptions or restrictions imposed by City Policy.

Report on 2023 Work Plan Goals and Accomplishments

Goal 1	Policy to Action Plan
Key Results	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Naming Committee completed a Policy to Action Plan and presented it to Urban Planning Committee on October 11, 2023 • The Naming Committee developed 8 recommendations as part of its Policy to Action Plan
Summary of Progress	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 8 recommendations, actions, and timelines are part of the 2024 Work Plan

Goal 2	RVA Trail Naming Initiative

Key Results	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On May 11, 2023, the River Valley Alliance and its naming circle which included two Naming Committee representatives celebrated the announcement of Amisk Wacîw Mêskanaw
Summary of Progress	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The naming initiative to name a planned 100km trail led by the River Valley Alliance began in 2021 and was completed in early 2023 The Naming Committee expressed a strong desire to include Indigenous consultation as part of its Naming Policy mandate The naming process concluded with a name gifted in a ceremony by Elder Jerry Saddleback

Goal 3	Government Centre LRT Station
Key Results	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The renaming circle had not been assembled yet in 2023
Summary of Progress	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The working group focused on the mural within the LRT Station main platform The original working group were consulted with to determine which members would continue from the mural decision to the LRT Station renaming circle The Indigenous Relations Office has assigned a new employee to start engagement with the renaming circle in 2024 The Naming Committee has assigned two members to be part of the renaming circle

In addition, the following work was also completed by NC:

- The Naming Committee presented its Policy to Action Plan Report to Council's Urban Planning Committee on October 11, 2023. The 8 recommendations listed within that report are part of this year's 2024 Work Plan.
- The Oliver Community League presented their renaming application to rename its neighbourhood to the Naming Committee on August 29, 2023. The Naming Committee unanimously supported the renaming application and made recommendations for City Council's consideration on February 7, 2024.
- The Chair and Vice-Chair conducted a skills assessment of returning Committee members and identified skills, demographics, and other gaps that the recruitment of two new members could address. Evaluation of 17 applications to be appointed

to the NC utilized the skills assessment to identify candidates that could bring more diverse perspectives to the discussion about naming in Edmonton.

2023 Meeting Summary – Key Topics and Motions Meeting

Summary

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January	<p>20 Road names are approved within the Chappelle, Edgemont, Keswick, Uplands, and Mistatim Neighbourhoods</p> <p>Updates regarding the Oliver Neighbourhood and Grandin LRT Station renamings</p> <p>Chair and Vice-Chair participated in two episodes of the ‘Let’s Find out Podcast’</p> <p>Discussion regarding the ‘Chair Membership’ Report and ‘Policy to Action’ Plan</p>
February	<p>6 Road names approved in the Kinglet Gardens Neighbourhood</p> <p>2 LRT Stations, LRT Maintenance Facility, and LRT Bridge names are approved within the Twin Brooks Neighbourhood and Heritage Valley Area.</p> <p>Discussion regarding the ‘Annual and Activities’ Report and ‘Policy to Action’ Plan</p>
March	<p>1 Name is added to the Names Reserve List</p> <p>Discussion regarding the ‘Annual and Activities’ Report and ‘Policy to Action’ Plan</p>
April	<p>The Names Reserve List is suspended by the Naming Committee until a thorough holistic review is conducted, policy is developed for its use, or a reasonable replacement is established</p>

May	<p>2 park names are approved within the Laurier Heights and Edgemont Neighbourhoods</p> <p>An update that the proposed 100km Trail along the North Saskatchewan's River Valley through Edmonton's Metro Region has been officially named through the River Valley Alliance (RVA) naming process in consultation and support with the City of Edmonton's Naming Committee and five affected Metro Region Municipalities.</p>
June	<p>1 park name is approved within the Laurel Neighbourhood</p> <p>1 road name is approved within the Orchards Neighbourhood</p> <p>The Naming Committee approves the final version of the Policy to Action Plan</p>
August	<p>2 park names are approved within the Laurel Neighbourhood and the Malmo Plains Neighbourhood</p> <p>6 road names and a park name are approved within the Blatchford Neighbourhood</p> <p>The Oliver Community League presented to the Naming Committee a request to rename its neighbourhood. The Naming Committee unanimously supported the application and recommends to City Council to rename the Oliver Neighbourhood, its park, pool, arena, and The Yards/116 St LRT Stop to Wîhkwêntôwin ᐃᑦᑦᑦᑦᑦᑦᑦᑦᑦᑦ.</p>
September	<p>1 road name is approved within the Blatchford Neighbourhood</p> <p>1 natural area and stormwater management facility is named within the Rosenthal Neighbourhood</p>
October	<p>The Naming Committee presented its Policy to Action Plan Report to Council's Urban Planning Committee on October 11, 2023</p> <p>Discussion regarding the Names Sale Policy, Commentrative Policy, and Names Reserve List</p>
December	<p>1 arterial road name is approved in the Meadows Area</p> <p>Update on the Oliver Neighbourhood renaming report to Council</p>

	<p>Update regarding the Grandin (Government Centre) LRT Station renaming</p> <p>Discussion regarding the Chair membership report and the recruitment process</p>
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Membership and Appointment Information

Naming Committee (NC) 2023-24 Membership List			
Name of Appointee	1st Appointed	Term Ends	Max Term
Debra Ayling	May 25, 2020	Apr 30, 2024	2026
Matt Dance - Vice-Chair	May 1, 2021	Apr 30, 2024	2027
Erin McDonald - Chair	May 25, 2020	Apr 30, 2024	2026
Harrison Sheremeta - Edmonton Historical Board Representative	May 1, 2023	Apr 30, 2024	2029
Sara Sierko	May 1, 2022	Apr 30, 2024	2028
Maryanne Wiebe	Oct 9, 2018	Apr 30, 2024	2024

Reports and Communications

Reports by NC to a Standing Committee of Council:

1. October 11, 2023 Urban Planning Committee, 7.1, EXT01996, Naming Committee: Moving Policy to Action Plan

Concluding Remarks

In conclusion, our committee remains steadfast in its commitment to efficiency and effectiveness. Our processes ensure every decision is made with thorough deliberation and community engagement, aligning our work with your vision for our city.

Looking ahead, we are excited to continue advancing our efforts to align naming in Edmonton with City Policy C509, facing any challenges with a collaborative spirit with city administration and a shared goal of making Edmonton a more inclusive and welcoming city for all.



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2023 Highlights

Amisko Wacîw Mêskanaw Trail

A developing 100km Trail that runs along the North Saskatchewan River Valley through the City of Edmonton within the Metro Region was named in May 2023 as Amisko Wacîw Mêskanaw which translates to Beaver Hill Road in nêhiyawêwin (Cree language). The name was chosen through a naming process organized by the River Valley Alliance (RVA) which included representatives from the Naming Committee and the five Metro Region municipalities which share a portion of the trail with the City of Edmonton. The naming process also involved insight from Elders, Knowledge Keepers, and representatives of Indigenous political organizations, the 2SLGBTQ+ community, and Inuit voices. The trail, which is currently 75% complete, will become the longest continuous trail within North America.

Mabuhay Park

The Naming Committee approved the naming of a park within the Laurel Neighbourhood as Mabuhay Park. The naming honours the Filipino Community and is derived from the Tagalog Language which translates to "welcome" and "long live". The Filipino community is the fastest growing demographic in the city, with more than 65,000 Filipinos calling Edmonton home. The park is located at 2608 - 14 Avenue NW.

Copihue Park

The Naming Committee approved the naming of a park within the Laurel Neighbourhood as Copihue Park. The naming honours the Chilean Community and symbolizes the 50 year anniversary of the first Chilean refugees who arrived in Edmonton in the early 1970s. Copihue is the national flower of Chile and grows in forests in the southern part of Chile. The park is located at 3304 - 21 Avenue NW.

2023 Naming Approvals

Road Names	
<i>Location/Neighbourhood</i>	<i>Approved Names</i>
Blatchford	Biplane Lane



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Blatchford	Bush Pilots Road
Blatchford	Floats Landing
Blatchford	Flying Club Road
Blatchford	Monoplane Lane
Blatchford	Seaplane Lane
Blatchford	Skis Landing
Chappelle	Chappelle Gate
Chappelle	Cristall Common
Chappelle	Cristall Crescent
Chappelle	Cristall Gate
Chappelle	Cristall Lane
Chappelle	Cristall Place
Chappelle	Cristall Way
Edgemont	Edgemont Wynd
Edgemont	Elves Close
Edgemont	Elves Court
Edgemont	Elves Crescent
Edgemont	Elves Gate
Edgemont	Elves Loop
Edgemont	Elves Place
Keswick	Kiviaq Crescent
Keswick	Kiviaq Link



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Keswick	Klapstein Crescent
Keswick	Klapstein Link
Kinglet Gardens	Kinglet Road
Kinglet Gardens	Oriole Close
Kinglet Gardens	Oriole Crescent
Kinglet Gardens	Oriole Way
Kinglet Gardens	Warbler Link
Kinglet Gardens	Warbler Loop
Meadows Area	Meadows Boulevard
Mistatim Industrial	Mistatim Crescent
Orchards	Hawthorn Close
Upland	Uplands Drive

River Valley / Trail Name	
<i>Location/Neighbourhood</i>	<i>Approved Names</i>
North Saskatchewan River Valley (Metro Region)	Amisko Wacîw Mêskanaw (Beaver Hill Road) <i>*approved by the River Valley Alliance (RVA) naming working group</i>

Park and Open Space Names	
<i>Location/Neighbourhood</i>	<i>Approved Names</i>
Blatchford	Bush Pilots Park
Edgemont	Karen Leibovici Park
Laurel	Copihue Park



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Laurel	Mabuhay Park
Laurier Heights	Julie Rohr Park
Malmo Plains	Roland Michener Park
Rosenthal	Michael Clark Rawson Natural Area

LRT Station and Facility Names	
<i>Location/Neighbourhood</i>	<i>Approved Names</i>
Heritage Valley Area	Heritage Valley North LRT Station
Heritage Valley Area	Llew Lawrence Operations and Maintenance Facility (LRT)
Twin Brooks	Blackmud Creek LRT Bridge
Twin Brooks	Twin Brooks LRT Station