

# Naming Committee

## 2019 and 2020 Annual Reports and 2021 Work Plan

### Recommendation

That the May 5, 2021, Office of the City Manager report CR\_8085, be received for information.

### Executive Summary

This report provides an overview of the Naming Committee activities for 2019 and 2020, and the 2021 Work Plan, in accordance with City Policy C575C, Agencies, Boards, Committees and Commissions.

### Report

#### 1.0 Introduction

The Naming Committee is a committee appointed by City Council that operates under Bylaw 17138 and City Policy C509B (also known as the Naming Policy). The committee consists of seven (7) members of which six (6) are citizens-at-large and one member is appointed by the Edmonton Historical Board. The committee meets once a month.

#### City of Edmonton's Naming Committee 2020-2021

Alyssa Lefebvre	Chair
Erin McDonald	Vice-Chair
Stephanie Bailey	Edmonton Historical Board
Debra Ayling	Citizen at large
Ailwin Boulet	Citizen at large
Marla Miller	Citizen at large
Maryanne Wiebe	Citizen at large

## 2.0 Mandate

The primary function of the Naming Committee is the naming of development areas, parks, municipal facilities, roads, honorary roads and other City of Edmonton assets. The approved names should recognize and commemorate noteworthy persons associated with Edmonton, reflect Edmonton's heritage, and the flora, fauna and natural features within the City of Edmonton.

## 3.0 Highlights and Approvals in 2019 and 2020

### Indigenous Ward Names

Edmonton's Naming Committee was tasked with working with the Indigenous community to name 12 new Municipal Wards using Indigenous place names. A Naming Committee sub-committee was formed and named iyiniw iskwewak wihtwawin (the committee of Indigenous matriarchs). This committee featured 17 women from First Nations in Treaty No. 6, 7, 8, as well as Métis and Inuit representatives. They represent the Anishinaabe, Blackfoot, Cree, Dene, Inuit, Iroquois (Michel Band), Métis and Sioux nations. iyiniw iskwewak wihtwawin gifted traditional names to the City's Naming Committee for the 12 new Municipal Wards to honour these sacred places in Edmonton and to preserve the history for future generations.

### Amiskwasit-Kamik (Beaver's Foot Building)

Edmonton's Naming Committee invited Enoch Cree Nation to consult with the committee on the naming of the future LRT municipal facility which will be located within the Lewis Farms Transit Centre. The Lewis Farms area was historically part of the Enoch Cree Nation. The Naming Committee approved the recommended name of Amiskwasit-Kamik which is the Cree name of the Enoch Cree Nation band member who farmed the land. Amiskwasit-Kamik translates to Beaver's Foot Building.

### Decoteau Neighbourhood Names

The Naming Committee consulted with Administration's Ecological Planners within the Biodiversity and Natural Areas group and notable Environmentalists from the University of Alberta and Sierra Club of Canada to help identify significant geographic features within the Decoteau Area. A list of important geographic and environmental terms was compiled that recognize the current and historic landforms, flora, and fauna that form much of the Decoteau Area Structure Plan.

### Jan Reimer Park

The Naming Committee approved the application to name a River Valley park adjacent to Oleskiw Neighbourhood as Jan Reimer Park. Jan Reimer dedicated her life working in the non-profit sector and served two terms as Edmonton's first female Mayor in 1989 after serving three terms as Councillor in 1980. Jan Reimer was selected as an Edmontonian of the Century in 2004 and honoured with the Governor General's Award in 2006. The Jan Reimer Park within the River Valley honours Reimer's commitment to

the preservation of Edmonton's River Valley. A formal announcement of the park name will be made later in 2021.

Cec Purves Park

The Naming Committee approved the application to name a park within the Blue Quill Estates Neighbourhood as Cec Purves Park. Cecil (Cec) Purves served two terms as City of Edmonton’s Mayor from 1977 to 1983. He also served three terms as Councillor from 1966 to 1971. Mayor Purves is known for overseeing the 1978 Commonwealth Games and championing the construction of the Edmonton Convention Centre. He’s also one of the first people to ride the LRT when it began service in 1978 in time for the Commonwealth Games. Cec Purves Park is located within the Yellowbird Area in which Cec Purves has lived for over 40 years. A formal announcement of the park name will be made later in 2021.

Bryan Anderson Athletic Grounds

The Naming Committee approved the application to rename the Terwillegar Heights District Park to Bryan Anderson Athletic Grounds in honour of one of Edmonton’s longest serving City Councillors. During his career as an educator and coach, Anderson was dedicated to creating opportunities that supported student athletes as they pursued their personal and athletic goals. In his 19 years as a City Councillor, he showed this same dedication to creating healthy communities across Edmonton by leading the Sport and Recreation Initiative to develop the Terwillegar Community Recreation Centre and four other City Recreation Centres.

Naming Committee Approvals in 2019 and 2020

<b>Twelve (12) Municipal Ward Names</b>	
<b>Name / Pronunciation</b>	<b>Origins / Meaning</b>
<b>Nakota Isga</b>	<b>Nakota (Stoney)</b>
NAH-KOH-TAH EE-SKA	Nakota Isga means ‘the people’. A Nakota chief from the south-east followed his vision and led his people to the shores of the sacred lake Wakamne (God's Lake - Lac Ste Anne). The area is rich in natural resources and was used to supply Fort Edmonton with fish during the early fur trade. Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation was the first nation to adhere to Treaty at Fort Edmonton.
<b>Anirniq</b>	<b>Inuktun (Inuit)</b>
A-NIRK-NIK	Breath of Life - Connected to history of Inuit people who received treatment at the Charles Camsell hospital
<b>tastawiyiniwak</b>	<b>LGBTQ2S+ (Cree)</b>

TASS-TAW-WIN-EE-WOK	The In-between People - This term was only used when referring to all of the iskwêhkânak ekwah nâpêhkânak. Each was free to move between gender roles
<b>Dene</b>	<b>Dene</b>
DEH-NEH	Dene means all people of land and water. It is inclusive of Indigenous and non-Indigenous
<b>O-day'min</b>	<b>Anishinaabe</b>
OH-DEH-MIN	The heart through which the North Saskatchewan River runs (literal translation: heart-berry). Historical hub for many nations to meet and trade.
<b>Métis</b>	<b>Métis</b>
MAY-TEA	Given the history of the area and the use of the Riverlot system in this Ward, a Métis name was chosen. The Métis trace their descent to both Indigenous North Americans and European settlers.
<b>sipiwiyniwak</b>	<b>Enoch Cree Nation</b>
SEE-PEE-WIN-EE-WOK	References the people of Enoch Cree Nation being River Cree. In the past, they were known as the River Cree by other tribes.
<b>papastew</b>	<b>Papaschase Band (Cree)</b>
PAH-PAH-STAY-OH	Papastew was a highly respected leader of the Papaschase Band #136 and signed an adhesion to Treaty 6 in 1877. Papastew translates to large woodpecker.
<b>pihêsiwin</b>	<b>Deity in Indigenous beliefs (Cree)</b>
PEE-HAY-SOO-WIN	Pays respect to the land of the Thunderbird and was informed through ceremony. This ward is home to sundances and traditional ceremonies.
<b>Ipiihkoohkanipiahtsi</b>	<b>Blackfoot</b>
E-PEE-KO-KA-KNEE PIU-TSI- YA	Traditional lands where the Blackfoot Nation performed Buffalo Ro Refers to the migration of buffalo and hunting patterns.
<b>Karhiio</b>	<b>Mohawk/Michel Band</b>
GAR-EE-HE-O	Karhiio translates to mean “a tall beautiful forest” in the Mohawk language. Michel Karhiio was the Chief of the Michel Band was an Indian reservation that was enfranchised on March 17, 1958, where the town Calahoo, Alberta is now located.
<b>Sspomitapi</b>	<b>Blackfoot</b>

SS-POH-ME-TAH-PEE	Speaks to the Blackfoot understanding of the Star Person (Manitou Stone/Old Man Buffalo) that is present in many tribes in the West.
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<b>Decoteau Area Neighbourhood Names</b>		
<b>Location</b>	<b>Approved Names</b>	<b>Theme</b>
North Decoteau	Alces (latin for 'Moose')	Animals
Northwest Decoteau	Meltwater	Wetlands
Central Decoteau	Decoteau	People
Southwest Decoteau	Snowberry	Plants
Southeast	Kettle Lakes	Physical Geography

<b>Parks, Ponds, and Lookouts</b>	
<b>Neighbourhood/Location</b>	<b>Approved Names</b>
Oleskiw / River Valley	Jan Reimer Park
Blue Quill Estates	Cec Purves Park
Leger	Bryan Anderson Athletic Grounds
Allard	Helm Pond
Graydon Hill	Dr. George Clarke Pond
Calder	Calder Memorial Park
Oleskiw / River Valley	Edgar T. Jones Lookout
Clareview District Park	Jumpstart Playground
Queen Mary Park	Queen Mary Park
Queen Mary Park	Thompson Park
Ellerslie	Ellerslie Crossing Community Park
Cashman	Tony Cashman Park
Blue Quill Estates	Jiti and Gurcharan Bhatia Park

Heritage Valley Town Centre	Heritage Valley District Park
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<b>Municipal Facilities</b>	
Downtown	Chinese Garden Ting
Lewis Farms (Valley LRT Line)	Amiskwasit-Kamik - Beaver's Foot Building
Montrose (Capital LRT Line)	Llew Lawrence Storage Facility

<b>LRT Stations</b>	
Blatchford	Blatchford Gate LRT Station
Blatchford	NAIT/Market LRT Station

<b>Honorary Road Names</b>	
Glenwood	Clayton Johnson Way
Kenilworth	Kessel Way
Calder	Lincoln Avenue
Virginia Park	Concordia Way

<b>Road Names</b>	
Kinglet Gardens	Lark Landing
Edgemont	Erlanger Way
Keswick	Kulay Way
Keswick	Kulay Link
Desrochers	Donaghey Crescent
Desrochers	Donaghey Way
Desrochers	Desrochers Way
Cavanagh	Checknita Cove

Cavanagh	Checknita Point
Blatchford	Lois Argue Road
Blatchford	Cedric Mah Road
Blatchford	Tony Cashman Road
Blatchford	Champion Road
The Orchards	Hawthorn Landing
The Orchards	Hawthorn Court
The Orchards	Hawthorn Link
The Orchards	Hawthorn Row
The Orchards	Hawthorn Place
The Orchards	Hawthorn Bend

#### 4.0 Work Plan

The Naming Committee continues a thoughtful, holistic review of City Policy C509B that accurately reflects Edmontonians’ diverse and inclusive community values. The overall review of City Policy C509B will also include language that supports focus on Indigenous places names after consultation with Indigenous leaders and Knowledge Keepers. The revised City Policy C509B is planned to go to City Council for review and approval in August 2021.

The Naming Committee will also be participating in the River Valley Alliance’s initiative to name one continuous trail from the Town of Devon through the City of Edmonton to the City of Fort Saskatchewan. This 100km trail name will ensure the trail is seen as a single, unified, marketable entity and enhance the North Saskatchewan River Valley park system as a world class recreation and natural park attraction.