



CITY OF ST. ALBERT ADMINISTRATIVE BACKGROUNDER

TITLE: REVISIONS OF THE MUNICIPAL NAMING POLICY AND THE SIGNIFICANT NAMES LIST

PURPOSE OF REPORT

On May 31, 2021 Councillor Joly provided notice in accordance with Section 23 of Procedure Bylaw 3/2018 that s/he intended to bring forward the following motion: That through the 2022 budget process, Administration propose a 2022 Business Case to undertake revisions or a rewrite of the Municipal Naming Policy and Significant Names List that include consideration of St. Albert's commitments to the Payhonin Reconciliation Report, Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada, and the St. Albert Diversity and Inclusion Declaration.

PROPOSED MOTION(S):

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ALIGNMENT TO PRIORITIES IN COUNCIL'S STRATEGIC PLAN

City of St. Albert Corporate Business Plan 2021

Administration Priority Area 1 - Regional Collaboration

- Indigenous Reconciliation – Establish Advisory Committee and explore synergistic opportunities.

ALIGNMENT TO LEVELS OF SERVICE DELIVERY

N/A

ALIGNMENT TO COUNCIL DIRECTION OR MANDATORY STATUTORY PROVISION

N/A

BACKGROUND:

The Municipal Naming Policy (Policy) is a Council policy which provides a consistent naming process and framework for City neighbourhoods, roads, and city assets. This Policy details the responsibilities, standards, and criteria, to ensure that names reflect St. Albert's heritage and commemorate noteworthy persons associated with St. Albert. The Significant Names List includes names of individuals, groups, or organizations, that have historical or significant value to St. Albert. Based upon the existing policy, names on the Significant Names List must meet the following criteria:

1. The individual must have been a resident of St. Albert for a minimum of ten (10) years; or
2. The individual, group, or organization must have made a special contribution to the community in one or more of the following areas:
 - i. Service as an elected representative on Council, a St. Albert school board, or the provincial or federal government for at least two (2) terms;
 - ii. Service in a voluntary capacity in community organizations such as service clubs, cultural groups, ethnic organizations, community associations, or boards working to enhance the quality of life in St. Albert;
 - iii. Prominent pioneers and settlers of St. Albert;
 - iv. Dedication of a City staff member for a minimum of five (5) years with the City and made significant contributions to enhance the quality of life in St. Albert;
 - v. Made a significant contribution service in areas that have benefited the community such as: agriculture, the arts, education, business or industry, journalism, medicine, politics, science, recreation, human rights and environmental stewardship, and sports on a local, national, or international scale, to the extent that their actions have brought great honour to the City;
 - vi. Made a major contribution or sacrifice for the welfare or life of the community or Canada; or
 - vii. Contributed as a prominent role in advocating for the service being rendered by the Asset.

The Policy was first approved by Council in 2010. The Policy has been subsequently amended, however these amendments focused on improving clarification and process efficiency. As such, updates to the Policy that reflect and align to St. Albert's commitments to the Paytonin Reconciliation Report, Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada, and the St. Albert Diversity and Inclusion Declaration, are needed. Notwithstanding these important alignments, the existing

Policy provides the provision for names to be removed from the Significant Names List. The Policy also includes the provision for renaming or repealing of a name, should it be associated with significant dishonour to the community, province, or nation.

It is anticipated that the 2022 budget request will include cross-departmental staffing resources and associated budget, to ensure adequate and respectful consultation, the review of the Significant names List and the Policy, and a series of recommendations for Council to consider.

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