



**PUBLIC AGENDA
NAMING ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Thursday, March 17, 2016, 10:30 a.m.
Committee Room A, Second Floor, City Hall
Members:

His Worship Mayor D. Atchison, Chair
Councillor T. Davies
Councillor A. Iwanchuk
Senior Planner, P. Kotasek-Toth
Heritage and Design Coordinator, C. Kambeitz
Open Space Consultant, K. Lackie

Pages

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

Recommendation

That the agenda be confirmed as presented.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Recommendation

That the minutes of Regular Meeting of the Naming Advisory Committee held on December 17, 2015, be adopted.

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5. COMMUNICATIONS

6. REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATION

6.1 Naming Advisory Committee Quarterly Report (Files CK. 6310-1 and PL. 4001-5-2)

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Recommendation

That the Naming Advisory Committee issue direction with respect to the naming submissions contained within this report.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Naming Advisory Committee Quarterly Report

Recommendation

That the Naming Advisory Committee issue direction with respect to the naming submissions contained within this report.

Topic and Purpose

The purpose of this report is to consider general naming requests to ensure they meet City Council guidelines, as set out in Naming of Civic Property and Development Areas Policy No. C09-008.

Report Highlights

1. The following names have been applied since the last meeting: Aspen Ridge, Myles Heidt, Sharma, and Yuel in the Aspen Ridge neighbourhood; Eidem and Shoquist in Marquis Industrial; Vic in the Stonebridge neighbourhood; Szumigalski in the Kelsey-Woodlawn neighbourhood; and Riel Industrial to both the Northwest Industrial Sector and the north sector employment growth area.
2. The following naming submissions require screening: Adams, Robertson, and Wilson.
3. Saskatoon Land is requesting to apply the name “Blairmore Station” to a neighbourhood in the Blairmore Sector.

Strategic Goal

Under the City of Saskatoon’s (City) Strategic Goal of Quality of Life, this report supports the recognition of our built, natural, and cultural heritage. The naming of civic facilities, streets, and parks celebrates the history, environment, and outstanding contributions of our diverse community.

Background

According to Naming of Civic Property and Development Areas Policy No. C09-008 (Naming Policy), all requests for naming of roadways from the Names Master List will be selected or endorsed by His Worship the Mayor. All of the names on the Names Master List have been previously screened by the Naming Advisory Committee (NAC) and meet City Council’s guidelines for name selection, as set out in the Naming Policy. Name suffixes are circulated through the Administration for technical review.

Report

Names Assigned from the Names Master List

The following names have been assigned since the previous meeting:

In the Aspen Ridge neighbourhood (see Attachment 1):

- Aspen Ridge Street and Square;
- Myles Heidt Lane, Manor, Union, and Way;

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- Sharma Crescent, Lane, Place, and Way; and
- Yuel Bend, Cove, Crescent, Lane, Link, Place, Rise, and View.

In the Marquis Industrial area (see Attachment 2):

- Eidem Place; and
- Shoquist Avenue.

In the Stonebridge neighbourhood (see Attachment 3):

- Vic Boulevard.

In the Kelsey-Woodlawn neighbourhood (see Attachment 4):

- Szumigalski Park

Finally, Riel Industrial has been applied as the new sector name for the Northwest Industrial Sector and the north sector employment growth area of Saskatoon (see Attachment 5).

General Naming Requests

The following name submissions have been received and require screening:

1. “Adams” – Patricia L. Adams was active in many community organizations over the years, specifically those involving conservation and preservation of natural resources. She was president of the Saskatoon Nature Society, chairperson of the Saskatoon Environmental Society, and co-organizer of Earth Day Saskatoon in 1991. Also in 1991, she received the Meewasin Conservation Award and was the first recipient of the Hadassah-Wizo Sterling Award for volunteer service in the Saskatoon community. The original submission is included as Attachment 6.

This submission falls under guideline 3.3 a) i) of the Naming Policy recognizing “A person who has volunteered significant amounts of time, effort, and/or resources to support community services or humanitarian causes.”

The name “Adams” was previously added to the Names Master List and has been applied as roadways in the Silverwood Heights neighbourhood and as a park in the Rosewood neighbourhood. Should this submission be approved, the individual’s history will be acknowledged in the City’s naming records without creating a new record. The name Adams currently recognizes A. E. Adams, a sidewalk construction business owner, and Bob Adams, who was involved with track and field as an athlete, coach, official, and administrator.

2. “Robertson” – Colonel William “Robbie” Robertson served in the Canadian Army in World War II and Korea. He received numerous awards and decorations for his achievements throughout his service. The original submission is included as Attachment 7.

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The name “Robertson” was previously added to the Names Master List and has been applied in the Stonebridge neighbourhood. Should this submission be approved, the individual’s history will be acknowledged in the City’s naming records without creating a new record. The name Robertson currently recognizes Patrick Alan Robertson, who was a City Councillor from 1985-1991.

3. “Wilson” – Gordon Allan Wilson served in the Canadian Army as a Spitfire Fighter Pilot in Europe and North Africa from 1941-1945 during World War II. In 1964, Wilson was appointed executive director of what grew to be the four Western Development Museums in Saskatoon, North Battleford, Moose Jaw, and Yorkton. He was also the founder of the Saskatchewan Agricultural Hall of Fame. The original submission is included as Attachment 8.

The name “Wilson” was previously added to the Names Master List and has been applied as a roadway in Saskatoon’s established neighbourhoods and as a park in the North Park neighbourhood. Should this submission be approved, the individual’s history will be acknowledged in the City’s naming records without creating a new record. The name Wilson currently recognizes James Wilson, the first mayor of the town of Saskatoon, and the second mayor of the amalgamated City of Saskatoon in 1907/08.

Name submissions 2) and 3), above, fall under guideline 3.3 a) i) of the Naming Policy recognizing “A person who has risked his or her life to save or protect others.”

Neighbourhood Naming Request

Currently, Saskatoon Land is in the process of completing a conceptual design for the third neighbourhood in the Blairmore Sector. Saskatoon Land requests to apply the name “Blairmore Station” to this neighbourhood. Attachment 9 provides the rational and background information for this request.

Public and/or Stakeholder Involvement

Stakeholders and members of the public are invited to make a short presentation to the NAC in support of their naming submissions.

Policy Implications

The screening of requests and suggestions for naming or renaming of municipally-owned or controlled facilities, streets, suburban development areas, neighbourhoods, and parks must be in compliance with the Naming Policy.

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Other Considerations/Implications

There are no options, environmental, financial, privacy, or CPTED implications or considerations; a communication plan is not required at this time.

Due Date for Follow-up and/or Project Completion

No follow-up is required.

Public Notice

Public notice, pursuant to Section 3 of Public Notice Policy No. C01-021, is not required.

Attachments

1. Aspen Ridge Neighbourhood Roadway Naming
2. Marquis Industrial Roadway Naming
3. Stonebridge Neighbourhood Roadway Naming
4. Kelsey-Woodlawn Neighbourhood Park Renaming
5. Riel Industrial Sector Naming
6. Original Submission – Adams
7. Original Submission – Robertson
8. Original Submission – Wilson
9. Blairmore Station Neighbourhood Naming Request

Report Approval

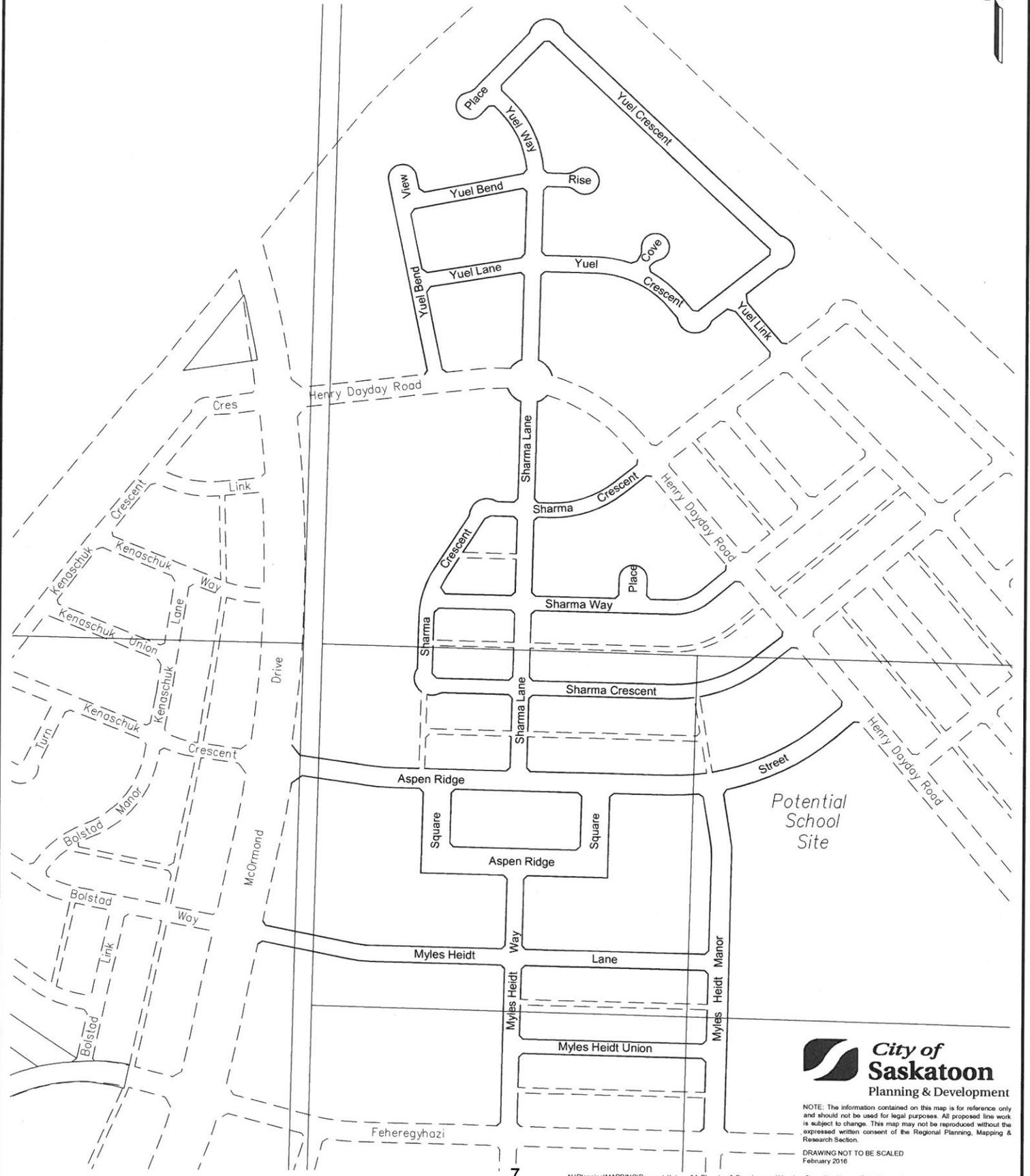
Written by: Daniel McLaren, Planner, Planning and Development

Approved by: Alan Wallace, Acting General Manager, Community Services Department

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Aspen Ridge Neighbourhood Roadway Naming

Aspen Ridge: Yuel, Sharma, Aspen Ridge, Myles Heidt

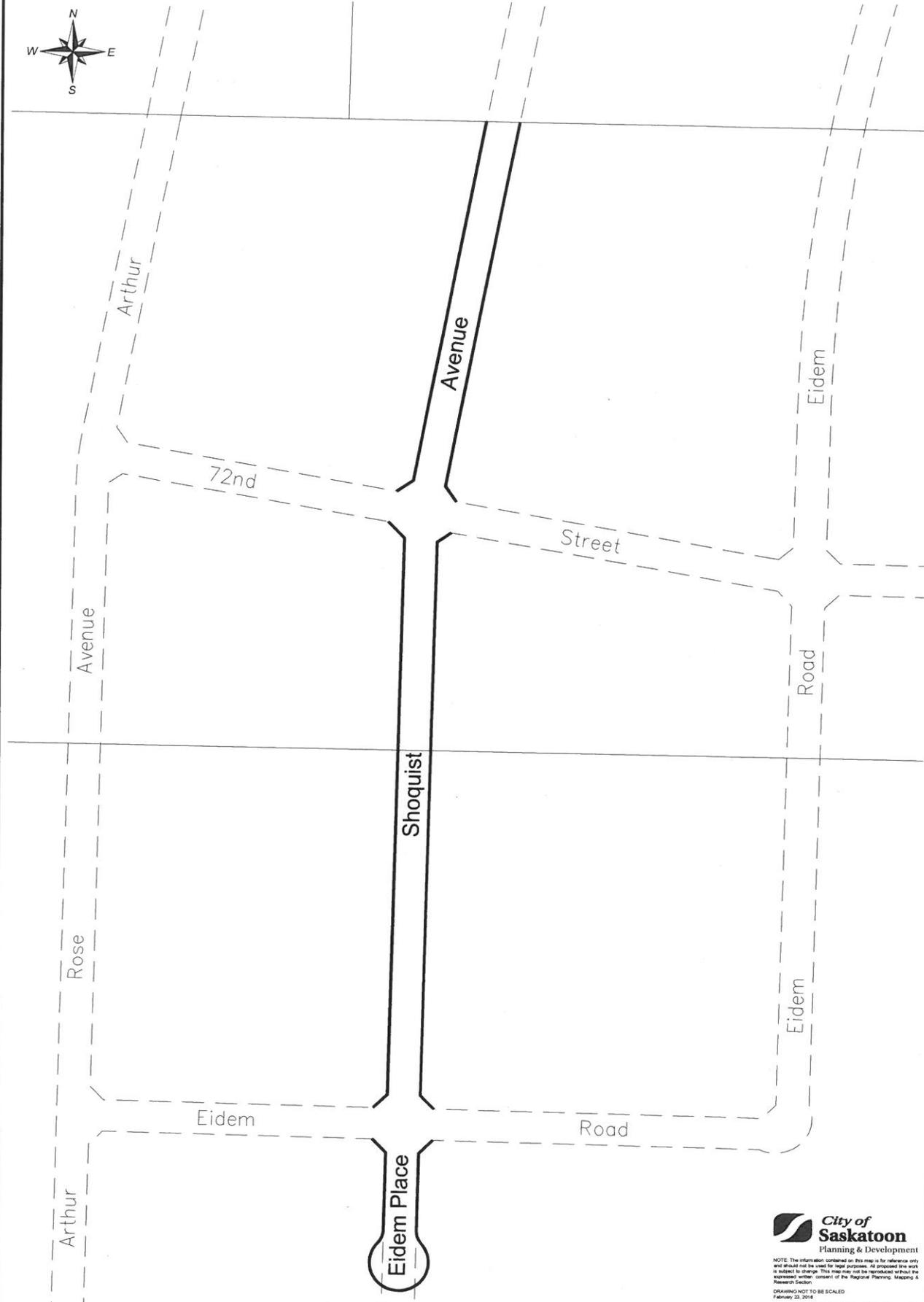


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Marquis Industrial Roadway Naming

Marquis Industrial: Eidem Place and Shoquist Avenue



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Stonebridge Neighbourhood Roadway Naming

Stonebridge: Vic Boulevard



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Kelsey-Woodlawn Neighbourhood Park Naming

Szumigalski Park Kelsey-Woodlawn



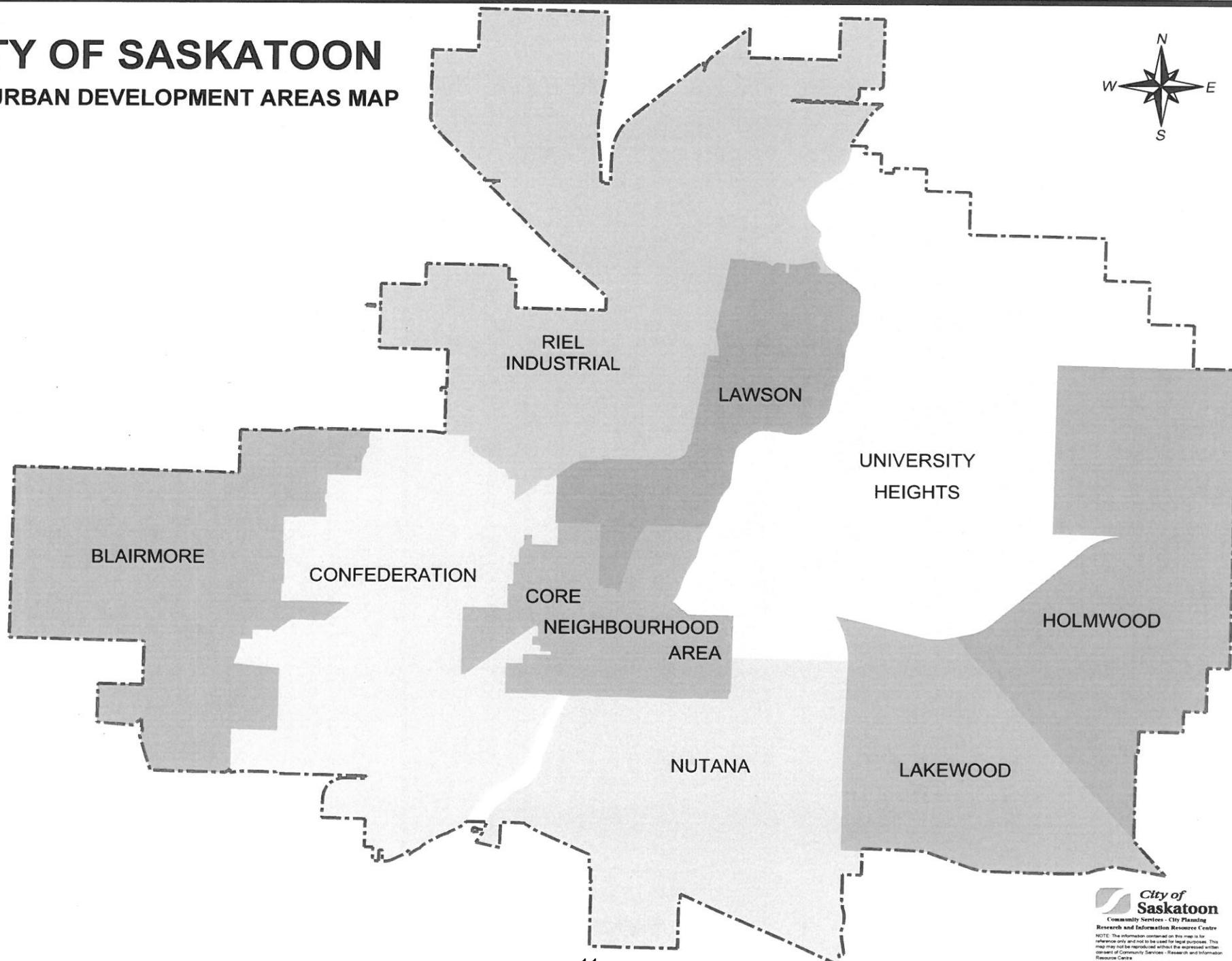
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Riel Industrial Sector Naming

CITY OF SASKATOON SUBURBAN DEVELOPMENT AREAS MAP



Original Submission - Adams



APPLICATION FORM To Name Streets, Parks & Civic Properties

Please complete the attached application form for all new name submissions and requests for re-naming a street, park, or other civic properties.

Name: Doug Adams

Address: 127 Avondale Road

City/Town: Saskatoon Province: SK Postal Code: S7H 5C6

Phone: 306-373-2534 E-mail: dougadams@sasktel.net

New Name Submission

Re-naming Request

Requested Name(s) (please print)

Patricia L. Adams

Requested Use of Name

Street

Park

Municipal Facility

Neighbourhood

Other

Any of the Above

Suburban Development Areas

If this is a request for re-naming an existing location, please indicate the current name:

PLEASE INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION AS PART OF YOUR APPLICATION

(Indicate which items are attached to the application form)

- ✓ 1. **Background Information** (Reason for request)
 ✓ 2. **Short Biography** (Given name, date of birth/death, place of birth, contributions, awards, achievements, or other relevant information)

Do you wish to speak to the Naming Advisory Committee? YES NO

- only if it helps strengthen my application.

Please send the completed application form to:

City of Saskatoon Naming Advisory Committee
 Community Services Department, Planning & Development Branch 222-3rd Avenue North
 Saskatoon, SK
 S7K 0J5

Dear Members of the Naming Advisory Committee,

I, Doug Adams, son of the late Patricia Loretta Adams (passed away on September 17, 2002) would like the Naming Advisory Committee to consider my mother as a person who deserves recognition for her lifetime of devotion to community services and humanitarian causes in our great city. After reading the accompanying biography below, I hope that you would agree with me when I suggest naming a park after her would be most fitting.

She was active in many community organization over the years. She dedicated much time and effort to projects involving conservation and preservation of natural resources. As President of the Saskatoon Nature Society, she was the driving force behind the River Bank Cleanup Project, in cooperation with the Meewasin Valley Authority, and as a co-organizer of Earth Day Saskatoon in 1991. Mom also served as membership chairperson of the Saskatoon Environmental Society. In 1991, she received the Meewasin's Conservation Award winner- an award given annually to an individual who has contributed to the conservation of the heritage or natural resources of the Meewasin Valley.

In the early 1960's, along with raising 3 sons, all of whom are married and have lived in the city for most of their lives, she was an active volunteer with the Sutherland Recreation Association as well as the Sutherland Home and School Association. During her involvement with the Home and School Association she spearheaded a community effort to have kindergarten become part of the Public School System. As well, Mom volunteered for many humanitarian causes including Cancer, Heart, United Appeal and Diabetic Associations along with Meal-On-wheels and Jeux Canada Games. She was the Chairperson of the Board of Directors of the Frank Eliason Center during the initial three years of its operations and continued to serve on the board for an additional 8 years. Mom also served as a representative of the Saskatoon Senior Citizens Council on the Saskatchewan Association of Special Care Homes for 4 years. For 28 years she was active in the Unitarian Church and for 16 of those years was a Lay Chaplain. She served three years as President of the Canadian Unitarian's Chaplains. Later on, Mom served on the board of the Saskatoon Community Chaplaincy Association. For her entire life, she was an avid supporter of the co-operative movement that included a three year term on the Co-op Board of Directors.

In 1991, Mom was the first recipient of the Hadassah-Wizo Sterling Award for volunteer service in the Saskatoon community.

Thanks so very much for considering my request. If you have any questions regarding my application, please contact me at 306- 373-2534.

Yours truly,



Doug Adams

Adams: award winner

Pat Adams is Meewasin's 1991 Conservation Award winner.

The award is given annually to an individual who has contributed to the conservation of the heritage or natural resources of the Meewasin Valley.

Pat Adams has been active in many community organizations over the years. Most recently she has dedicated much time and effort to projects involving conservation and preservation of natural resources. Adams is currently the President of the Saskatoon Natural History Society. In this position she has been the driving force behind the River Bank Cleanup Project, in cooperation with the Meewasin Valley Authority, and as a co-organizer of Earth Day-Saskatoon 1991.

Since the early 1960's she has served as a volunteer in many capacities. In 1973 she, with others, spearheaded a community effort to have kindergartens become part of the Public School system. As well as being a volunteer for many causes including Cancer, Heart, United Appeal and Diabetic Associations, Meals-On-Wheels and Jeux Canada Games, she has served as a representative of the Saskatoon Senior Citizens Council on the Saskatchewan Association of Special Care Homes and as Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Frank Eliason center for three years.

For the past 28 years she has been active in the Unitarian Church, and for 16 years has been a lay Chaplain. She served three years as President of the Canadian Unitarians Chaplains.

Also included in her unending dedication to the community are her years served as membership chairman of the Saskatoon Environmental Society and



as an executive member of her neighborhood Recreation Association. In May, 1991, Adams was honored as the first recipient of the Hadassah-Wizo Sterling

Award for volunteer service in the Saskatoon community.

With all of this on her resumé what more deserving a person of an award?

Original Submission - Robertson

the PROCESS

General Name Request

Suggestion
Submit Application Form to Planning & Development Branch to request that a name be added to the Names Master List.

Screening
Naming Advisory Committee reviews naming request in accordance with Council guidelines.

Recommendations
Naming Advisory Committee recommends to City Council the support or non-support for adding the name to the Names Master List.

Approval
City Council approves or rejects adding names to the Names Master List.

Requests
Requests to assign a name from the Names Master List are made to Planning & Development Branch by Developers, Land Branch, or other Civic Departments.

Selection
Requests to assign a name from the Names Master List are forwarded to the Mayor's Office who selects a name from the Names Master List.

Notification
The Mayor notifies applicant and affected others that the name has been selected for use.

Specific Naming Request

Screening
Naming Advisory Committee reviews naming request in accordance with Council guidelines.

Recommendations
Naming Advisory Committee recommends to City Council the support or non-support for the naming request.

Approval
City Council approves or rejects naming request.

Notification
The Mayor notifies applicant and affected others of City Council's decision.

Re-Naming Request

Consult
The applicant is required to consult property owners affected by the proposed re-naming. Please contact the Planning & Development Branch to determine the consultation requirements.

Suggestion
Submit Application Form to Planning & Development Branch to re-name a specific municipally-owned property. Include written comments from affected property owners.

Comments
Planning & Development Branch contacts all affected civic departments, community associations, property owners, etc. to gather comments and estimate costs.

Screening
Naming Advisory Committee reviews re-naming request in accordance with Council guidelines.

Recommendations
Naming Advisory Committee recommends to City Council the support or non-support for the re-naming request.

Approval
City Council approves or rejects re-naming request.

Notification
The Mayor notifies applicant and affected others of City Council's decision.

APPLICATION FORM To Name Streets, Parks & Civic Properties

Please complete the attached application form for all new name submissions and requests for re-naming a street, park, or other civic properties.

Name: Col. W.C. Robertson
Address: 33 - 2090 Pacific Way
City/Town: Kamloops Province: BC Postal Code: V2S 1V3
Phone: 1-250-374-6559 E-mail: _____

New Name Submission Re-naming Request

Requested Name(s) (please print)

Col. W.C. Robertson ?

Requested Use of Name

Street Park Municipal Facility
 Neighbourhood Other Any of the Above
 Suburban Development Areas

If this is a request for re-naming an existing location, please indicate the current name:

PLEASE INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION AS PART OF YOUR APPLICATION
(Indicate which items are attached to the application form)

- 1. Background Information (Reason for request)
- 2. Short Biography (Given name, date of birth/death, place of birth, contributions, awards, achievements, or other relevant information)

Do you wish to speak to the Naming Advisory Committee? YES NO

Please send the completed application form to:

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Box 94,
Wakaw Sk
S0K 4P0

City of S'toon Naming Advisory Com.

I heard that you were interested in obtaining names of people that might be suitable for naming streets or whatever, after them. I submit my brothers' name along with his history. It is mentioned that at one time he was one of the most decorated men in the services.

He is still alive at 92, & living in Kamloops BC.

I will enclose articles & some of his history.

*Sincerely
Patricia Schmidt*



Country came first

by JEFF HODSON
Staff reporter

There must be days when Robbie Robertson feels like he's carrying the world's weight on his shoulders — and then he comes home and takes off his medals.

In a military career that spans more than five decades, Col. William "Robbie" Robertson has accumulated more than his share of medals — 20 in total.

He's received so many medals, in fact, that the lone pin on the backing was unable to support their weight and he had to install a second pin to help carry the load.

"As far as we know, there is only one Lieutenant General that has one more medal than I have," said Robertson, whose accolades include the Military Cross and the Queen's Commendation for Brave Conduct.

Robertson, 81, has served his country, in one capacity or another, since St. Patrick's Day in 1938, when, as a fresh-faced 14-year-old prairie kid, he signed up with the Saskatoon Light Infantry.

"I was fairly big for my size, I guess."

But before he was shipped overseas his age was discovered, but rather than cut him free, the army shipped him to Dundurn, 45 kilometres south of Saskatoon, to be an instructor on the Vicker's machine gun.

In 1941, Robertson, still underage, lied again about his age and was sent overseas. He participated in the invasion of Sicily and Italy and spent the end of the war in Europe.

After the war, he transferred to the first battalion of the Princess Patricia's Light Infantry in Calgary and was shipped to Korea in 1951. Over there, he was awarded the Military Cross for, among other things, crossing a minefield in the dead of night to rescue troops. He also received a United States Air Medal and a Presidential Unit Citation, for his work with the U.S. Air Force.

After the Korean War, he was transferred to a parachute school located in Rivers, Man. He received the Queen's Commendation for Brave Conduct for catching — in the air — a young French Canadian soldier whose parachute didn't properly deploy.

"As soon as I got him on the ground I had the chutes off of us, drove him right back into the airfield and loaded him up in another aircraft," he said.

"He had a bad experience and if he didn't overcome it right away, he never would."

Robertson was transferred to the Rocky Mountain Rangers in 1972, and was named the unit's commanding officer in 1975.



Robbie Robertson is one of the country's most decorated veterans.

Dave Eagles/KTW

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

As of 24 October 2002

COLONEL (Retired) WILLIAM CRYLE ROBERTSON, MC, OMM, CD

PLACE AND DATE OF BIRTH Saskatoon, Sask. 25 October 1923

MARITAL STATUS

EDUCATION Buena Vista Public School (1938)
Saskatoon Collegiate (1940)
Calgary College (1948)
Cert. Of Academic Achievement –
Subalterns Course RMC (1956)

EMPLOYMENT Retired

MILITARY SERVICE

NPAM (1938 – 1941)
CSAF (1941)
Overseas Service (1941 – 1945)
 Sicily and Italy (1943 – 1945)
 NW Europe (1945)
Volunteered Pacific Force 1945
Interim and Regular Force (1945 – 1951)
Appointed 2Lt. (1951)
1 Bn. PPCLI in Korea (1951 – 1952)
Attached US Air Force, Korea (4 months)
1 Bn. PPCLI (1953 – 1954)
Lieutenant (1953)
Canadian Joint Air Training Centre Airborne
 School (1954 – 1957)
PPCLI Regimental Depot (1957 – 1961)
Promoted Captain (1960)
Canadian Base Units Middle East as Staff Captain “Q”
 (1961 – 1962)
#11 Personnel Depot as Commanding Officer (1962 – 1968)
Trans. to Supp. Res. (1968)
Trans. to The Rocky Mountain Rangers (1972)
Promoted Major (1972)
Appointed Deputy Commanding Officer (1972)
Promoted Acting Lieutenant Colonel (1975)
Commanding Officer The Rocky Mountain Rangers (1975)
Substantive Rank LCol (1978)
Trans. to Supp. Res. (1981)
Appointed to Hon. Lt. Col. (1988)
Honourary Colonel (1990 – 2000)



COL (RETD)
W.C. (ROBBIE) ROBERTSON, MC, OMM, CD

**THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN RANGERS
MUSEUM AND ARCHIVES
CHAIRMAN**

J.R. VICARS ARMOURY
PO BOX 3250, 1221 MCGILL ROAD
KAMLOOPS, BC V2C 6B8

UNIT (BOR): (250) 851-4890
UNIT FAX: (250) 851-4891

AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Military Cross
Officer of the Order of Military Merit
1939 – 45 Star
Italy Star
France and Germany Star
Defence Medal
Canadian Volunteer Service Medal and Clasp
War Medal 1939 – 1945
Korea Medal
Cdn. Volunteer Service Medal for Korea
Canadian Peace Keeping Medal
United Nations Service Medal (Korea)
United Nations Emergency Medal (ME)
Queen's Jubilee Medal
Queens Golden Jubilee Medal
Efficiency Medal
Canadian Forces Decoration and 3 Clasps
Queen's Commendation for Brave Conduct
United States Air Force Medal
Presidential Unit Citation (USAF)

CLUBS, ASSOCIATIONS AND HOBBIES

Royal Canadian Legion (Branch 52)	Past Branch President
ANAVETS	Member
Federation of Military and United Services Institute of Canada	Member
St. Andrews Caledonia Society	Member
Kamloops Memorial Society	Charter Member
Airborne Association	Member
Bornewest Airborne Association	Life Member
Reserves 2000	Member
The Rocky Mountain Rangers Society	Charter Member and Chairman of the Board of Directors
RCAF Association (886 Wing)	Charter Member
Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry Association	Member
The Rocky Mountain Rangers Museum	Chairman
Saskatoon Light Infantry Association	Member
S.P.C.A.	Member
Special Interests:	Golf Fly Fishing

RESIDENCE

33 – 2080 Pacific Way
Kamloops, BC V1S 1V3
(250) 374 - 6559

Original Submission - Wilson

APPLICATION FORM To Name Streets, Parks & Civic Properties

Please complete the attached application form for all new name submissions and requests for re-naming a street, park, or other civic properties.

Name: Connie P. Johnson

Address: Box 2071

City/Town: Kindersley Province: SK Postal Code: S0K1S0

Phone: 1-306-463-4123 E-mail: cpj@sasktel.net

New Name Submission

Re-naming Request

Requested Name(s) (please print)

Gordon Allan Wilson

Requested Use of Name

Street

Park

Municipal Facility

Neighbourhood

Other

Any of the Above

Suburban Development Areas

If this is a request for renaming an existing location, please indicate the current name:

PLEASE INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION AS PART OF YOUR APPLICATION

(Indicate which items are attached to the application form)

1. Background Information (Reason for request)
2. Short Biography (Given name, date of birth/death, place of birth, contributions, awards, achievements, or other relevant information)

Do you wish to speak to the Naming Advisory Committee? YES

NO

Please send the completed application form to:

City of Saskatoon Naming Advisory Committee
Community Services Department, Planning and Development Branch
222-3rd Avenue North
Saskatoon, SK
S7K 0J5

GORDON ALLAN WILSON 1917 - 2015

It is with deep sadness the family of Gordon Wilson announces his passing on Sunday May 31, 2015, at the age of 97. His family was by his side and take comfort in knowing he is now reunited with his beloved wife Marion, who passed away March 1, 2015.

Gordon cared deeply for his children, Cathy (John) Ukrainetz, Charlie (Jo-Ann Rogers), and Jane (Doron) Broadfoot, his 12 grandchildren; Julie, David and Dan Ukrainetz, Richard and Thomas (Leann Bassel) Wilson, Laura (JP) Dumais, Jessica (Alan O'Reilly), Jon and Jared Simpson, Mike (Kit) Broadfoot, Carolyn (Mark) Teal, and Michelle Broadfoot. He was blessed with 10 great grandchildren, Riley, Jaden, Kael, Flynn, Emma, Ryan, Mikayla, Neely, Eamonn and Aine.

Gordon lived a long and amazing life. He was born December 5, 1917 in Limerick, Saskatchewan to Flora and Charles Wilson. During the late 1920's the family moved to Regina. In 1940 Gordon enlisted in the Royal Canadian Air Force, but due to limited training facilities the RCAF was unable to take him immediately. He then joined the Signal Corps and the Regina Rifles Regiment where he trained. In December 1940 Gordon received the call from the RCAF to begin training, and was sent overseas in 1941. In December 1941 his squadron was moved to the RAF. He served as a Spitfire Fighter Pilot in Europe, North Africa, Malta, Sicily and Italy from 1941 – 1945, and attained the rank of Flight Lieutenant.

After the war he returned to Saskatchewan and resumed his University education. He also renewed a friendship with Marion Coakwell, a girl he had known since 1937. They were married on December 27, 1947 and shared a remarkable 67 years together.

In 1948 Gordon graduated from the University of Saskatchewan with a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture. After graduation he worked for John Deere as territorial manager in Regina and Weyburn, and then as an owner in Indian Head.

The family moved to Saskatoon in 1964 when Gordon was appointed Executive Director of what grew to be the four Western Development Museums; in Saskatoon, North Battleford, Moose Jaw, and Yorkton. He also was the founder of the Saskatchewan Agricultural Hall of Fame.

Gordon gave many years of service to his community. He was a member of the Saskatoon Kiwanis Club, serving as President and Lieutenant Governor. He was a very dedicated member and worked on many worthwhile projects over the years. One of his favorites was the development of Kiwanis Park which he worked closely with the Meewasin Valley Authority.

The University was also important to him. He served as President of the Alumni Association and was an elected Board Member of the University Senate. He later served a ten year period on the Place Riel Committee as a member and Vice Chair working on the development and construction of Place Riel. In 1990 Gordon again offered his leadership services to the University to fundraise for the New College of Agriculture Building and the Class of '48 Bursaries.

Gordon was involved for many years in the Fighter Pilots and many Veterans' Associations. He was Chairman of the Veterans Memorial Committee which successfully raised funds for the "Between The Crosses" memorial in Woodlawn Military Cemetery. The committee also insured all Veterans' graves had proper markers. He was also a member of a committee to raise funds for the development of the Veterans' Village at Sherbrooke Community Centre.

Gordon was involved in the Canada Remembers Air Show and Saskatoon's Remembrance Day Programs. In his later years, he was frequently invited by schools to recount his war time experiences before Remembrance Day. During these presentations he made sure to impress upon the young people that war came with a terrible cost to many and to always look for ways to find peace. In his own experience, of the 7 friends he enlisted with in 1940, he was the only one to come home.

Over the years, he reconnected with the Royal Regina Rifles Regiment and it became a very important part to his life. He enjoyed the great friendships and the camaraderie of the Regiment and he looked forward to organizing the reunions.

In 1977, 2002, and 2012, his service to the province was recognized when he received the Queen's Silver, Gold and Diamond Jubilee Anniversary medals. In 1999, he was honoured by the University of Saskatchewan with three separate awards for his contributions to the University, the Alumni Association and the province. He was admitted to the Saskatchewan Agricultural Hall of Fame as an honorary member and received the Saskatchewan Centennial Medal. He was recognized by the Star Phoenix as being one of the 100 citizens who significantly contributed to the first 100 years of the City of Saskatoon. In 2007, he was honoured by the Province of Saskatchewan by being awarded the Saskatchewan Volunteer Medal for his life of service to others. In 2008, the Department of Veterans Affairs honoured him by recognizing his service on behalf of veterans.

Gordon was predeceased by his wife Marion, brother Bruce (Marg) Wilson, sisters and brothers-in-law, Doris (Alex) MacRae, Lois (Arnot) McGregor, Nora Graham, Edith (Percy) Quick and Malcolm Coakwell. He is survived by sister-in-law Ruby Coakwell and brother-in-law Bill Graham.

The family would like to acknowledge his wonderful caring friends, especially at Luther Riverside Terrace, where he resided for the last five years. The family also wishes to acknowledge the support and care of Norma Lusher who was always there to assist Marion and Gordon in the last few years.

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Dear Mr. McLaren,

Admiring a long life of accomplishments
has prompted me to submit the name of
a family friend Gordon Allan Nelson to
be considered by the Naming Advisory
Committee of Saskatoon.

Enclosed is information exploring
his life's dedication to his Country, City
province and alma mater.

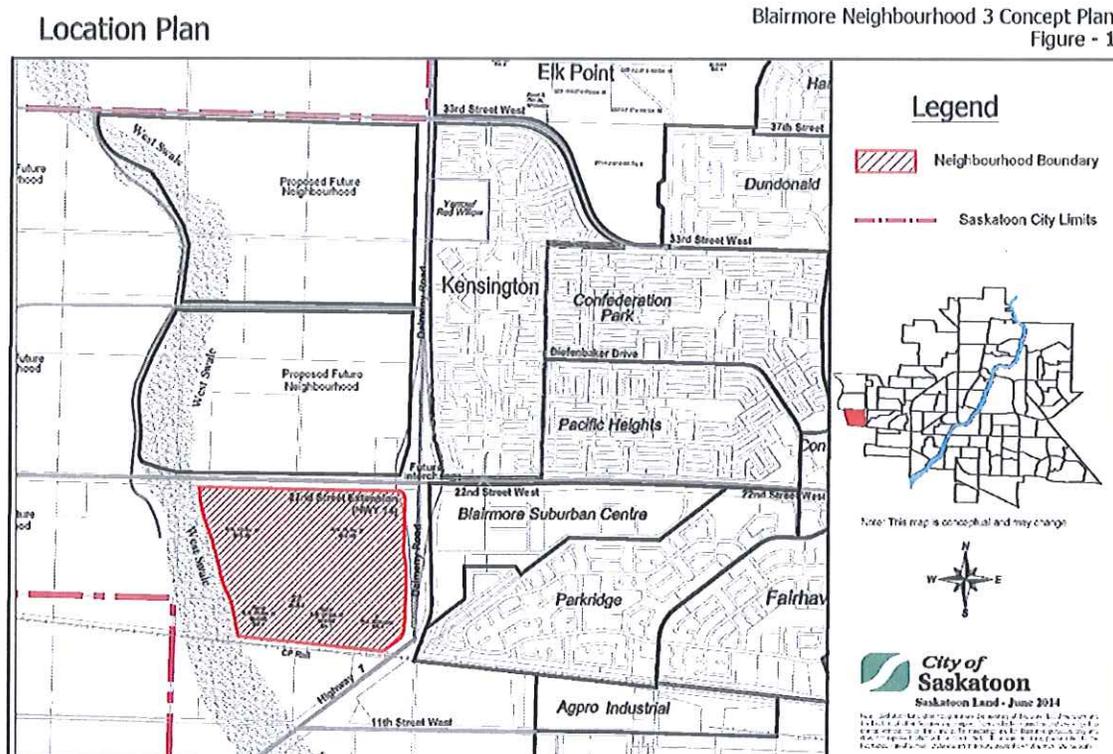
Respectfully submitted

Connie Johnson

Blairmore Station Neighbourhood Naming Request

Blairmore Neighbourhood 3 - Neighbourhood Naming

Saskatoon Land is currently in the process of completing the conceptual design for the 3rd neighbourhood in the Blairmore Sector. This neighbourhood is envisaged as a high density mixed-use area, which offers a dynamic, urban lifestyle. The current draft concept plan includes a 120 acre mixed-use and regional retail area, an employment centre and a mixture of single-family and medium to high density multi-family land. The project area is identified below.



For this neighbourhood, Saskatoon Land has proposed the name “Blairmore Station.” Use of the name Blairmore offers consistency with the sector and the nearby Blairmore Suburban Centre, which pays homage to the Blairmore Ring, which was originally created to make potash mining in the Saskatoon area possible. The Blairmore Ring was a large metal casing that was used to keep underground water from flooding mine workings.

Use of the suffix, “Station”, is a symbolic reference to the CP rail-line which runs along the southern boundary of the neighbourhood. “Station” is also representative of some of the transit initiatives which have been incorporated into the neighbourhood, including lands potentially allocated for a park-and-ride program and the future Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) corridor along 22nd Street, which flanks the north boundary of the neighbourhood.

The neighbourhood name "Blairmore Station" offers several potential branding and marketing concepts and can aptly represent select regions of the neighbourhood or the neighbourhood as a whole. For example, the regional retail area could be referred to as "the Shops at Blairmore Station" or "Blairmore Station Shopping District." Alternatively, "Blairmore Station" can also stand by itself in applying to the neighbourhood as a whole.

It is the opinion of Saskatoon Land that the proposed "Blairmore Station" neighbourhood name will lend authenticity to the marketing of the neighbourhood and the long-term success and popularity of the development.