Municipality Naming Practices

Vancouver, BC

Naming after individuals – Yes, but typically only after those who are deceased

- Civic Asset Naming Committee
  - 9 members, with five appointed from the community and one from each of Vancouver Historical Society, Vancouver Public Spaces Network, Racial and Ethno-Cultural Equity Advisory Committee, Urban Indigenous Peoples' Advisory Committee
    - https://vancouver.ca/your-government/civic-asset-naming-committee.aspx
- Naming Criteria
  - City-owned assets should generally be named after people who are no longer living, places, events, and things related to the city of Vancouver
    - https://vancouver.ca/your-government/criteria-for-names-on-the-name-reserve-list.aspx
- Reserve List
  - Publicly posted along with plans for where the names would be used
    - https://vancouver.ca/your-government/view-names-on-the-reserve-list.aspx
- By-law
  - https://bylaws.vancouver.ca/12577c.PDF

Calgary, AB

Naming after individuals – Yes, but for those who are no longer active in their field of expertise and not divisive in nature (page 13 of policy)

- Municipal Naming Program
  - Allows public requests for city asset naming
    - https://www.calgary.ca/cs/iis/services/muninamingprogram.html?UTM_Source=NewFeature
- Policy
  - https://www.calgary.ca/CA/city-clerks/Documents/Council-policy-library/CP2016-01-Municipal-Naming-Sponsorship-and-Naming-Rights.pdf

Edmonton, AB

Naming after individuals – Yes, for those with outstanding community contributions, volunteerism, fostering equality, etc. (page 2 of policy)

- Naming Committee
  - Approves names for municipal facilities, new neighbourhoods, parks, and roads. This involves input from both City administration and citizens
    - https://www.edmonton.ca/city_government/city_organization/naming-committee
- Policy
  - https://www.edmonton.ca/sites/default/files/public-files/assets/PoliciesDirectives/C509C.pdf?cb=1632113110

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Saskatoon, SK

Naming after individuals – Yes, for those with outstanding community involvement, volunteerism, work to eradicate discrimination/inequality, risk their life for others (page 5 of policy)

- Naming Advisory Committee
  - Review and screen all suggestions and requests for naming municipally-owned or controlled facilities, streets, suburban development areas, neighbourhoods and parks, including requests for special street names
  - https://pub-saskatoon.escribemeetings.com/filestream.ashx?DocumentId=90818
- Naming Saskatoon
  - https://www.saskatoon.ca/sites/default/files/documents/community-services/planning-development/research/miscellaneous/naming.pdf
- Policy
  - https://www.saskatoon.ca/sites/default/files/documents/city-clerk/civic-policies/C09-008.pdf

Regina, SK

Naming after individuals – Yes, for those who fostered equality, served in an elected capacity for at least two terms (page 4 of corporate guidelines)

- Civic Naming Committee
  - The Civic Naming Committee consists of six members approved or nominated by the City Manager. This committee meets a minimum of two times per year and is administered by the Office of the City Clerk
    - https://www.regina.ca/business-development/land-property-development/street-park-naming/
- Corporate Guideline
  - https://www.regina.ca/export/sites/Regina.ca/business-development/land-property-development/.galleries/pdfs/Street-Park-Naming/Street-Naming-Guide.pdf

Toronto, ON

Naming after individuals – Yes, if an individual is deceased for 2 or more years or written consent and outstanding contributions if the individual is living (section 3 of the policy)

- Policy
  - https://www.toronto.ca/business-economy/partnerships-sponsorships-donations/partner-2/partnership-guidelines-policies/city-of-toronto-property-naming-policy/

Barrie, ON

Naming after individuals – Yes, for those with outstanding community involvement, volunteerism, work to foster equality, or financial contributions (page 4 of policy)

- Municipal Naming Working Group

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    - Full process outlined in policy below (page 5)
- Policy
    - https://www.barrie.ca/City%20Hall/Documents/policies/Municipal-Naming-Policy.pdf

Brampton, ON

Naming after individuals – Yes, for those with outstanding community involvement, demonstrated courage, put their life in harm's way, involvement in conveyance of lands/buildings, international figure, etc. (page 5 of policy)

- City staff review asset (excluding streets) naming requests
    - Staff will assess requests against the policy and if deemed suitable, will incorporate the names into a future report to Council for final consideration
        - https://www.brampton.ca/EN/Business/planning-development/Pages/Naming-City-Assets.aspx
- Street naming/re-naming requests are reviewed by Region of Peel Street Naming Committee
    - Handles naming for three municipalities (Brampton, Mississauga, Caledon)
        - https://www.peelregion.ca/planning/business/streetnames.htm
- Policy
    - https://pub-brampton.escribemeetings.com/filestream.ashx?DocumentId=32267

Kingston, ON

Naming after individuals – Yes, for those living and deceased. Biographical info in needed (page 3 of policy)

- Naming applications sent to Civic Clerks, final decision made by City Council
- Policy
    - https://www.cityofkingston.ca/documents/10180/20847/Naming+of+Corporate+Assets+Policy.pdf/2787c9e7-e678-4065-99db-fb70ff43de0e?t=1496690710000

Ottawa, ON

Naming after individuals – TBD

- As of July 2021, the city is reviewing its naming policy
    - Remembering Ottawa: Stories and Legacies
        - https://ottawa.ca/en/news/city-developing-renewed-commemoration-and-naming-policy-remembering-ottawa-stories-and-legacies

Montreal, QC

Naming after individuals – Yes

- Enhancing the collective memory
    - https://montreal.ca/en/articles/enhancing-collective-memory-11324

Moncton, NB

Naming after individuals – Yes, unsure of criteria

- Name Bank
  - https://www.moncton.ca/lets-do-business-zoning-planning-urban-planning-street-trail-name-submission-form/name-bank-list
- Policy
  - https://www5.moncton.ca/docs/policies/Naming_Policy_for_Streets_Trails_and_Civic_Facilities.pdf

Halifax, NS

Naming after individuals – Yes, if the individual has demonstrated excellence, community service, risked their life or represent the city's history (page 4/5 of the policy)

- Public naming application
  - A committee will review each application and make recommendations to Regional Council. Council considers recommendations for commemorative names twice a year. Names approved by Council will either be used immediately or put on the commemorative names list for future use
    - https://www.halifax.ca/sites/default/files/documents/home-property/civic-addressing/CivicAddApplicationForm-Fillable.pdf
- Policy
  - https://www.halifax.ca/sites/default/files/documents/city-hall/legislation-by-laws/AO46.pdf

Iqaluit, NU

Naming after individuals – Yes, but with extra care if the individual is alive (page 3 of the policy)

- By-law
  - https://www.iqaluit.ca/sites/default/files/by-law_555.pdf