THE CITY OF WINNIPEG

BY-LAW NO. 48/2025

A By-law of THE CITY OF WINNIPEG to amend the Street Names By-law

THE CITY OF WINNIPEG, in Council assembled, enacts as follows:

Street Names By-law amended

1 The Street Names By-law No. 115/2011 is amended by this by-law.

Section 7(1) amended

2 Subsection 7(1) is amended by adding the following after 7(1)(c):

(d) it may impair the ability of first responders to respond to emergencies or impair the City's ability to deliver services

Subsection 7(3) and 7(4) added

3 Section 7 is amended by adding the following after 7(2):

7(3) To be added to a Reserve List, a proposed street name must

(a) be in accordance with Canada Post Addressing guidelines, standards, policies and practices;
(b) be easily recognizable, readable, and spellable; and
(c) not impair the ability of first responders to respond to emergencies or impair the City's ability to deliver services;

7(4) Any proposed street names recognizing or honouring an individual are generally recommended for honourary street name designations only. Proposed street names recognizing sitting elected officials shall not be considered.

Section 8 amended

4 Section 8 is amended by adding the following after subsection (2):

8(3) Street names remaining on the Reserve List for more than ten (10) years from the date of Community Committee approval, and which are deemed by the designated employee to be in conflict with street names already in use or other names on a Reserve List, shall be removed by the designated employee, subject to approval from the area Councillor. The Councillor must respond in writing within 30 days, otherwise approval is granted.

8(4) In the event a street name on a Reserve List is affected by a change to ward boundaries, the designated employee shall transfer the name to the Reserve List of the appropriate Community Committee.

Subsection 9(2) amended

5 Subsection 9(2) is deleted in its entirety and replaced with:

9(2) In addition to other information required by the designated employee, an application under subsection (1) must set out:

(a) the applicant's name;

(b) the street that is proposed to be renamed;

(c) the proposed name for the street;

(d) a rationale for the renaming of the street; and

(e) the results of consultation with affected property owners and occupants, including documentation demonstrating the support of some or all of the owners and occupants of property on the street for the renaming of the street and cost estimates for the out-of-pocket expenses contemplated in 15(1) herein.

Section 12 amended

6 Section 12 is amended by adding the following:

12.1 Where the street to be renamed is on private property, Council retains final approval authority notwithstanding that a by-law is not required to rename the street.

Subsection 13(1) amended

7 Subsection 13(1) is amended by adding the following after (c):

(d) would impair the ability of first responders to respond to emergencies or impair the City's ability to deliver services.

Subsection 13(2) replaced

8 Subsection 13(2) is deleted and replaced in its entirety with the following:

13(2) In considering whether or not a street should be renamed, the designated committee and Council shall only consider renaming when it would provide a general improvement to the City's administration of essential services in the interest of public safety, and the proposed renaming complies with the Guidelines attached as Appendix A to this By-law.

Section 14

9 Section 14 is amended by adding the following after subsection (4):

14(5) Where the street to be renamed is on private property, neither a plan of survey nor an agreement under subsection (4) will be required. The applicant shall bear all costs incurred in the notification of affected owners/occupants as well as all out-of-pocket expenses necessitated by the renaming. For clarity, notwithstanding 14(1), a by-law is not required to rename a private street.

Subsection 18(3)(a) amended

10 Subsection 18(3)(a) is amended by replacing “honourary renaming” with “honourary naming”

Subsection 19(1) amended

11 Subsection 19(1) is amended by replacing “five years” with “ten years”

Subsection 20(1) amended

12 Subsection 20(1) is amended by adding the following after 20(1)(c)

(d) assign an honourary street name for a period longer than ten years

Subsection 20(2) amended

13 Subsection 20(2) is amended by replacing “five years” with “ten years” in subclause (b)

Subsection 20(3) replaced

14 Subsection 20(3) is deleted and replaced in its entirety with the following:

20(3) Notwithstanding subsections 18(3) and 20(2)(b), a Community Committee may not assign an honourary street name for a period of more than ten years. An application to a Community Committee for the assignment of an honourary street name for a period longer than ten years must be referred to the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development.

Subsection 20(5) amended

15 Subsection 20(5) is deleted and replaced in its entirety with:

20(5) The assignment of an honourary street name by the designated committee or the Mayor of the City of Winnipeg is conditional upon and takes effect only when payment of the manufacturing and installation fee established by Council for honourary street sign toppers has been made and the sign topper(s) has been installed.

Subsection 21(3) amended

16 Subsection 21(3) is deleted in its entirety and replaced with:

21(3) After the period of time for which an honourary street name has been assigned or designated is over, the designated employee must arrange for the honourary street sign topper(s) to be removed.

Subsection 21(4) added

17 Section 21 is amended by adding the following after subsection (3):

21(4) The applicant shall bear all costs for the maintenance and/or replacement of honourary sign toppers for the entire period of assignment.

Appendix A Section 1 amended

18 Appendix A Section 1 is deleted in its entirety and replaced with:

1(1) Street names and honourary street names should meet at least one of the following goals:

(a) subject to the section 2, to honour and commemorate noteworthy people associated with the City of Winnipeg;

(b) to commemorate local history, organization, places, events, or culture;

(c) to strengthen neighbourhood identity and community commitment;

(d) to recognize wildlife, flora, fauna, or natural features related to the community and the City of Winnipeg;

(e) to recognize a person, group, or community that has contributed to the rich cultural, racial, and social diversity of Winnipeg, and to highlight elements of historical, cultural, or social significance to the community, Winnipeg, Manitoba, or Canada;

(f) to recognize the integral contributions of Indigenous Peoples as the original peoples of this land, and the contemporary context in which Indigenous Peoples continue to have a relationship with this land, and/or to promote Indigenous reclamation of language.

1(2) The suffix used with respect to all honourary street names shall be “Way” or “Voie” in French

Appendix A Section 2(1) amended

19 Subsection 2(1) is deleted in its entirety and replaced with:

2(1) The following are the preferred categories of individuals to be honoured by having a street honourarily named after them:

(a) A person or group who demonstrates excellence, courage, or exceptional dedication to service in ways that bring special credit to the City of Winnipeg;
(b) A person or group who volunteers and gives extraordinary help or care to individuals, families, or groups, or who supports community services or humanitarian causes;
(c) A person or group who fosters equality and reduces discrimination;
(d) A person or group who risks their life to save or protect others;
(e) A person or group who has achieved a noteworthy accomplishment or has otherwise acted in an outstanding professional manner or met an uncommonly high standard that brings great benefit or honour to the City of Winnipeg;
(f) An early community, individual, or group who has contributed to the growth and development of the City of Winnipeg;
(g) Individuals or groups which embody the rich cultural, racial, and ethnic diversity of the City of Winnipeg;
(h) An Indigenous person, community, or organization that advanced the promotion and reclamation of First Nations, Red River Métis or Inuit language, rights, culture, spirituality, and/or traditions;
(i) Individuals or groups who have made significant contributions to their field of endeavor, including the arts, entertainment, business, science, athletics, public service, etc.
(j) Former Mayors, City Councillors, or other elected officials. Elected officials sitting at the time of application will not be considered.

Appendix A Subsection 2(4) amended

20 Appendix A Subsection 2(4) is deleted in its entirety and replaced with:

2(4) Before naming a street after a person or group, the written consent of the of the person or group shall be obtained by the applicant. If the person is deceased, authorization may be provided by family members or other individuals or groups representing the persons' estate or legacy.

Appendix A Section 3 amended

21 Appendix A Section 3 is deleted in its entirety and replaced with:

3 Where a street is to be named or renamed, the whole length of the street shall have one continuous name. Names of existing streets shall be used on new streets which are continuations of, or in alignment with, existing streets

(a) where street numbering concerns may arise from the above, use of an existing street name or a new street name shall be at the discretion of the Director of Planning, Property and Development.

Appendix A Section 5 amended

22 Appendix A Section 5 is amended by adding the following as subsection (a):

(a) Where a street has been renamed, the former name shall not be added to a Community Committee Reserve List, nor shall it be considered for a renaming of a street or as an honourary street name assignment, for a period of at least ten (10) years.

Appendix B amended

23 Appendix B is amended to include a French language model for the street sign topper as shown in Schedule A attached hereto.

DONE AND PASSED this 22nd day of May, 2025.

Mayor

City Clerk

Approved as to content:

Director, Planning, Property and Development

Legally reviewed and certified as to form:

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SCHEDULE A

