

APPENDIX A – HONOURARY STREET NAME REQUEST

May 6, 2026

Winnipeg City Councillor Ross Eadie
Mynarski Ward
510 Main Street
Winnipeg, Manitoba R3B 3M2

Subject: Honorary Street Renaming of Regent Avenue West between Day Street and Bond Street to "GREG PESTER WAY".

Greetings Councillor Eadie,

I am formally writing to you today, on behalf of myself with Tim and Kris Walsh. We would like to have a discussion with you about an honorary street renaming in honor of Mr. Greg Pester. As you know he recently passed away at the age of 70 leaving behind a huge legacy that extends over most of those years. Not just one of music, but one that included friends and family.

Greg was a lifelong musician and an icon in the Winnipeg music scene, playing with The Chaparrals, The Wayne Walker Band, The Walsh Twins, Sassy Jack just to name a few. Greg also had a passion for the community, where his vision seen that everyone felt welcome and musicians had a place to come together and play 7 days a week.

He outfitted The Royal George Hotel with a PA, lighting system, and stage equipment for all bands to come in and play with no set up or tear down which all bands appreciated so much.

When you walk thru the doors of The Historic Royal George Hotel, you'll find pictures of countless Winnipeg Musicians and memorabilia on all of the walls. Greg also brought people from all over Canada and the US to play The Royal George stage for all to enjoy.

The Pester Family was always front and center when it came to supporting charity and community events. Greg along with George and The Walsh Twins had an annual Cancer benefit starting back in 2013 that raised \$50,000 for The Manitoba Cancer Foundation.

Greg mentored, and supported countless musicians that he became friends with, including myself. He kept a close eye on the musicians of Winnipeg and he just knew things. Never explained how he knew, but he did. I loved that about him. The Pester family and the staff of The Royal George Hotel cared more about making people feel happy and welcome.

As a dedicated family man, he absolutely adored his wife Teresa, and his 2 sons, Michael and Jared, and his 2 granddaughters.

This street naming will ensure that Greg's legacy will live on and show that all of Winnipeg appreciated and love him as much as he appreciated and loved Winnipeg.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,



Amanda C. Ducharme

To Whom It May Concern,

We are writing to respectfully request that consideration be given to naming a street in honour of Greg Pester, beloved husband, father, friend, musician, and longtime supporter of Transcona and Manitoba's music community.

For nearly his entire life, Greg Pester was deeply involved in the Manitoba music scene and became a familiar and respected figure to many throughout Winnipeg and beyond. From a young age, Greg performed alongside his mother, playing in hotels, bars, community venues and festivals across Manitoba. Music was at the heart of who Greg was and throughout his life he shared that passion with countless people.

Greg was widely known not only for his musical talent, but also for his warm personality, positive outlook, and ability to make genuine connections with everyone he met. Over the years, he performed and helped organize entertainment at many well-known venues and events across the province. These gatherings brought together musicians and community members from all walks of life and became an important part of Manitoba's live music culture.

Later in life, Greg became the owner of the Royal George Hotel in Transcona. Under his leadership for 26 years, The Royal George became much more than a neighbourhood hotel, it became a gathering place and second home for musicians across Manitoba and the Transcona community. Greg created a welcoming space where local artists could perform, support one another, and keep live music alive within the community. Many musicians knew they could always find encouragement, friendship, and opportunity through Greg and the music community he built at the Royal George.

Beyond his contributions to music, Greg was known for his generosity, kindness, humour, and willingness to help others. He had a unique way of bringing people together and making everyone feel welcome. He also hosted many fundraisers for special causes, generously contributing his own money and raising significant funds for charities. His impact on the community continues to be felt through the many friendships, memories, and musical connections he helped create over the years.

Naming a street after Greg Pester would be a meaningful way to honour not only his memory, but also his lifelong contributions to Manitoba's music culture and community spirit. His legacy lives on through the countless people whose lives he touched both personally and professionally. The Royal George Hotel is still owned by his family, will continue to be a place where his spirit thrives, welcoming future generations of musicians and community members to gather.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this request. Our family and the community would be sincerely grateful and deeply honoured for this opportunity.

Sincerely,

Teresa Pester
Michael Pester
Jared Pester