CR19-82

September 30, 2019

To: His Worship the Mayor
And Members of City Council

Re: Regina Planning Commission: Park Naming - Wapiti Park

RECOMMENDATION

RECOMMENDATION OF THE REGINA PLANNING COMMISSION – SEPTEMBER 11, 2019

That Capital Crossing MR2 be named Wapiti Park.

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Kaitlyn Brown, representing Cornerstone Holdings, addressed the Commission.

The Commission adopted a resolution to concur in the recommendation contained in the report.

Recommendations #2 and #3 do not require City Council approval.

Councillors: Jerry Flegel, Bob Hawkins and Barbara Young (Chairperson); Commissioners: Frank Bojkovsky, Andre Kroeger, Adrienne Hagen Lyster, Steven Tunison and Celeste York were present during consideration of this report by the Regina Planning Commission.

The Regina Planning Commission, at its meeting held on September 11, 2019, considered the following report from the Administration:

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Capital Crossing MR2 be named Wapiti Park.
2. That item CR19-39 be removed from the Regina Planning Commission Outstanding Items list.
3. That this report be forward to the September 30, 2019 meeting of City Council for approval.

CONCLUSION

In accordance with the City's Civic Naming Committee Guideline (Appendix A), which was adopted by Council in November 2018 (CR18-116, Policy #2018-OCC-G00005), the Administration has consulted with the applicable developer, Community Association and Zone Board to identify a name for Capital Crossing MR2 located in Hawkstone (Appendix B). Based

on feedback from the community organizations and the developer, Administration recommends that Capital Crossing MR2 be named Wapiti Park.

BACKGROUND

The Civic Naming Committee Guideline requires the Administration to consider requests from developers, Community Associations and Zone Boards for names to be assigned to parks. Names are first submitted to an internal Civic Naming Committee, which considers the names within the context of the Civic Naming Committee Guideline, adopted by Council in November 2018 (CR18-116). Upon approval by the Civic Naming Committee, names can be assigned to public open space with Council approval.

A report for the naming of Capital Crossing MR2 (CR19-39) was brought forward for consideration by Council on April 29, 2019. The report recommended that Council approve the name put forth by the Community Association, due to its alignment with the Regina Cultural Plan. The developer was opposed to the recommendation and expressed a preference for a name that was not after an individual. In response to the report Council moved that "*the matter of naming Capital Crossing MR2 be referred to Administration to schedule a meeting with the Argyle (North) Community Association, the North Zone Board and Cornerstone Developments to work together to find a mutually agreeable park name"***.**

DISCUSSION

In follow-up to the motion by City Council, Administration met with representatives from the Argyle North Community Association (ANCA), the North Zone Board (NZB) and Cornerstone Developments (developer) to discuss the naming of Capital Crossing MR2.

At the meeting, the developer's representative proposed four names from the City's existing Civic Names list, which includes names that have previously been approved, and the rationale for each selection for consideration by ANCA and the NZB. The names included three names with ties to the United Kingdom and one Indigenous name. ANCA supported the concept of selecting an Indigenous name, but put forth two more names from the existing Civic Names list for consideration by the developer. The developer's representative presented the two proposed names from ANCA back to Cornerstone Developments and Wapiti was selected as the preferred name.

The name "Wapiti" (pronounced wop-i-tee), which was approved by the Civic Naming Committee in April 2014, is Shawnee for the word Elk. Elk are native to the province of Saskatchewan and can be found north of Prince Albert and in the Moose Mountain, Cypress Hills, and Duck Mountain areas in the south of the province. This name supports the original desire of the developer for the park to not be named after an individual. It also aligns with the desire of the community to have an Indigenous name assigned to the park space, if not moving forward with the original name they submitted.

Given the agreement between the parties and the alignment with the Civic Naming Committee Guideline, Administration supports the choice of name and is recommending approval.

RECOMMENDATION IMPLICATIONS

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications for the City of Regina related to the naming of the park. All park signage will be installed within the park at the expense of the developer.

Environmental Implications

There are no environmental implications associated with this report.

Policy and/or Strategic Implications

In November 2018, Council approved a new Civic Naming Committee Guideline. A fifty percent target was established for the assignment of Indigenous names to parks within a concept plan. The proposed name Wapiti supports these targets. The Civic Naming Committee Guideline also contributes to the harmony of the City of Regina by providing an opportunity for Community Associations and Zone Boards as well as others to participate in public process, allowing them to be informed and engaged within their community.

Other Implications

There are no other implications associated with this report.

Accessibility Implications

There are no accessibility implications associated with this report.

COMMUNICATIONS

Administration met with the Community Associations, Zone Board and the developer to discuss the motion from Council and to explain the process for assigning a name to Capital Crossing MR2.

If the name is approved by Council, the Capital Crossing MR2 parcel will contain a park sign with a decal that explains the significance of the name.

DELEGATED AUTHORITY

In accordance with the Open Space Park Naming Policy and Procedures, City Council approval is required to name park spaces.

Respectfully submitted,

REGINA PLANNING COMMISSION

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Elaine Gohlke, Secretary 9/23/2019