

City of Mississauga Corporate Report



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To: Chair and Members of General Committee

From: Geoff Wright, P.Eng, MBA, Commissioner of
Transportation and Works

Originator's files:

Meeting date:
September 8, 2021

Subject

Correction to Corporate Report dated June 8, 2021 - Proposed Street Names to be added to the City of Mississauga Approved Street Name Reserve List

Recommendation

That the corporate report entitled, "Correction to Corporate Report dated June 8, 2021 - Proposed Street Names to be added to the City of Mississauga Approved Street Name Reserve List" dated August 23, 2021 from the Commissioner of Transportation and Works, be received for information.

Background

On June 23, 2021, General Committee considered a report titled "Proposed Street Names to be added to the City of Mississauga Approved Street Name Reserve List" dated June 8, 2021 from the Commissioner of Transportation and Works, attached as Appendix 1. The report recommended the addition of three (3) new street names to the City of Mississauga Approved Street Name Reserve List – Onofrio, Jasjit and Jasjit Singh. The report was prepared by staff in accordance with the City's *Street Names Policy*, and was approved by General Committee on June 23, 2021, and subsequently by Council on June 30, 2021.

In the background section of that report, staff stated that Jasjit Singh Bhullar was a prominent community leader and founding member of Ontario Khalsa Darbar.

The City was contacted by several members of the Ontario Khalsa Darbar advising that Mr. Bhullar was not a founding member and requesting that the Council record be corrected. This report addresses this request.

Comments

In accordance with the City's *Street Names Policy*, when the City is requested to consider a name in honour of an individual, staff ask for a brief written description of the person's significant

contribution to Mississauga, which should help explain why the honour should be granted. With that information, staff then request that the name be reviewed by the Region of Peel Street Names Committee. The Committee reviews the name from the perspective of ease of provision of emergency services and considers such things as duplication of street names, potential for spelling errors and ease of pronunciation. Once accepted by that Committee, City staff then prepare a Corporate Report for Council's review and approval.

With respect to the request received to name a street in honour of Mr. Jasjit Singh Bhullar, City staff did follow the above process. The submission that was received regarding Mr. Bhullar's contribution within his community included a significant list of contributions and accomplishments. The Corporate Report that was prepared did not include all of his accomplishments, but did make reference to Mr. Bhullar being a founding member of the Ontario Khalsa Darbar.

In response to the concerns raised, staff undertook an independent review of the articles of incorporation of the Ontario Khalsa Darbar and verified that Mr. Bhullar was not a founding member. As a result, the purpose of this report is to correct the information contained in the June 8, 2021 Corporate Report.

Members of the Ontario Khalsa Darbar were advised that the City was undertaking the independent review, and that staff would report back to Council with the results. Staff also apologized for any stress this matter may have caused, as it was not the City's intent.

Financial Impact

There are no financial impacts resulting from the adoption of the recommendations in this report.

Conclusion

City staff conducted an independent review of the articles of incorporation for the Ontario Khalsa Darbar, and has verified that Jasjit Singh Bhullar was not a founding member. Notwithstanding Mr. Bhullar's other contributions and accomplishments, the findings of the review are intended to set the record straight with respect to the concerns that were raised.

Attachments

Appendix 1: Corporate Report - Proposed Street Names for Reserve List - 0459-2021



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