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City of Mississauga Draft Asset Naming Procedure

The City of Mississauga recently adopted a revised Asset Naming Process. This process is outlined below.



Infographic of Asset Naming Process

Process Details:

- Submissions are made to <u>Heritage.Planning@mississauga.ca</u>.
- After an initial review, IRHM proceeds to research and public consultation process.
 - Public consultation includes the following:
 - Posting on the City of Mississauga Public Notification Website
 - A page on Your Say to obtain public comment.
- Additional engagement; targeted community engagement or Indigenous engagement, may be needed.
- Submissions are posted for a minimum of 30 days.
- Once the Public Consultation period has ended, a corporate report is prepared and the matter is sent to the next available Heritage Advisory Committee agenda.

The process will take approximately 6-8 weeks, depending on the nature of the submission and needs (translation, background checks).

Submission Review Criteria:

Any resident or business owner in Mississauga can propose a new municipal asset name.

Proposed names will be assessed based on the following criteria:

- 1) Practicality for use in emergency response (e.g. proposed names are easy to spell and pronounce, proposed names are not currently in use)
- 2) Reflects assets location or unique features.
- 3) Celebrates diversity and prioritizes underrepresented groups such as women, people of color, Indigenous peoples, 2SLGBTQ+ peoples, immigrants, and people with disabilities.
- 4) Relevance to the city's landscape, geography, flora and fauna.
- 5) Consistency, ensuring streets have the same name from start to finish, where possible
- 6) Relevance to an event of historical significance
- 7) Relevance to an important landmarks of historical, cultural, architectural, or social significance
- 8) Partnerships with Indigenous communities
- 9) Names proposed to honor individuals must meet criteria outlined under the section for names honoring individuals.
- 10) Uses names from the City of Mississauga's approved asset name registry
- 11) Adheres to the Ontario Human Rights Code and avoids discrimination
- 12) Results from public consultation specific to the naming proposal in consideration of the asset's size and scope
- 13) Feedback received from circulation to City departments.
- 14) Consultations with the Heritage Advisory Committee and approval from Council

Names Honoring Individuals

Municipal assets may be named in honor of individuals with extra-ordinary achievement and/or significant contributions to Mississauga, five years posthumously, prioritizing those with strong local ties.

If a name is proposed to honor an individual, it must meet at least two (2) of the following criteria:

a) Demonstrated exceptional service or dedication that significantly benefitted Mississauga or reflecting the heritage of the community.

b) Risked their life for the safety of others.

c) Volunteered extensively in community services, humanitarian causes, or social justice.

d) Outstanding in the fields of art, culture, community engagement, economics, education, literature, politics, military, religion, science, social development, and/or athletics.

Submission Requirements

• Justification for the proposed name including identification of the corresponding municipal asset to be named.

- A complete biography is required, including:
 - Date and location of birth.
 - Educational background.
 - Career achievements and contributions to Mississauga.
 - Volunteer service records, citations and or honors received.
 - Evidence of support from the community, community groups, professional organizations and other identified associations or groups.
 - Written and sworn to be true verification of any stated contributions and achievements from awarding organizations or groups.
- Consent from family or next of kin except for national or public figures

Restrictions

Names that imply or directly reference any of the following will not be eligible:

1) Names that are pejorative, divisive, discriminatory, oppressive, racist, or sexist in nature.

2) Terms associated with colonialism and their derivatives, such as "pioneer" or "loyalist.

3) Inappropriate affiliation with businesses or industries or any construed form of advertising. (The Advertising and Sponsorship with the City policy # 03-09-01 provides guidelines for businesses).

4) The use of asset naming for promotional purposes or as a prize.