

North Commuter Parkway Bridge Naming Terms of Reference

Background

During its July 21, 2016 meeting, City Council resolved that,

“With respect to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) Calls to Action report, would the administration report back on how to engage the community as a whole to name the pending new North Commuter Parkway in recognition of the TRC. This report will be in response to the TRC calls to action and specifically #79 which is ... ‘*Participate in a strategy to commemorate Aboriginal peoples’ history and contributions to Canada.*’ The administration should keep the guidelines and intent of the naming advisory policy in mind while preparing the report.”

Mission

In consideration of the Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action, City Administration works with the community in the naming of the North Commuter Parkway Bridge. The process will include engaging the community, the Elders & Indian Residential School Survivors.

Structure

The following organizations will comprise the Steering Committee that will guide community engagement for the naming process.

- Office of the Treaty Commissioner, Federation of Sovereign Indigenous Nations, Saskatoon Tribal Council, Central Urban Métis Federation Inc. will present the selected name to the Naming Advisory Committee.
- The Saskatoon Reconciliation Committee (SRC) will be involved in putting forward names to the Steering Committee. The Saskatoon Reconciliation Committee is comprised of approximately 42 community members - Indigenous and non-Indigenous, business, government, civil society, faith-based communities, and includes member(s) of City Administration.
- The broad representation of Treaty 6 First Nations and Métis Elders will be consulted through a facilitated session.
- Indian Residential School Survivors will be consulted through a facilitated session.

Guidelines

- Historical names acknowledging a historical event or figure.

- Words or concepts that embody the spirit of community, coming together, connection, moving around.
- The naming of the North Commuter Parkway Bridge will consider ease of identification and avoidance of confusion for the public. Potential names will be reviewed by City Administration to address any wayfinding issues (i.e. to avoid duplication of previously named facilities).
- The City commits to following appropriate Aboriginal ceremonies and protocol within the Community throughout the naming process.

Process:

A list of proposed names will be developed through engagement sessions with Aboriginal Elders and Indian Residential School Survivors, and narrowed down by the Saskatoon Reconciliation Committee (SRC). A shortlist of names will be shared with the community for consideration and input.

The SRC will review public input and recommend the preferred name to the Steering Committee.

Once a name or names are selected through the community engagement process, the SRC designate would submit an application to Planning and Development. Planning and Development would then bring the requested name or names to the Naming Advisory Committee for review and comment.

In accordance with the Naming Policy, all requests for a name to be applied to a specific municipally-owned or controlled facility will be screened by the Naming Advisory Committee (NAC), who will forward a recommendation to Council. City Council will have final approval for all specific naming requests. Any cultural or spiritual requirements of the naming will be specified as part of the presentation to the Naming Advisory Committee