



TOWN OF KENTVILLE

NAMES LIST COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes: August 30, 2023

Town Hall, 354 Main Street, Kentville Nova Scotia

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

This meeting was held in Council Chambers and was called to order by Jennifer West at 10:00 am.

PRESENT

Mike Cameron, Carolyn Landry, Gerald MacPherson, Gillian Yorke, and Cathy Maxwell.

REGRETS

Kirsten Duncan

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

It was moved by Mike Cameron and Gillian Yorke
That the agenda for the August 30, 2023 meeting be approved.

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Review of Committee Structure

Jennifer West outlined the structure of the committee and the process of electing a Chair and a Vice Chair. Cathy Maxwell nominated herself as Chair and her nomination and appointment were approved unanimously. Mike Cameron nominated himself as Vice Chair, and his nomination and appointment were approved unanimously.

Municipal Asset naming and renaming Policy

Cathy Maxwell guided members to review and bring up any issues from the Municipal Asset Naming and Renaming Policy.

Discussion

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- Commitment to discuss name changes for smaller facilities, as well as larger facilities which may have sponsors or donors.

Cornwallis Street Name Change Final Report

Cathy Maxwell supported the contents of the report and asked for feedback.

It was moved by Cathy Maxwell, Gillian Yorke, and Mike Cameron

That the word Master be removed from the policy.

MOTION CARRIED

Discussion on moving past the violence and negativity around the name Cornwallis. True reconciliation will happen when all of our attitudes and thoughts change.

Discussion about forgiveness and moving on with love and respect.

Suggestion that the committee reexamine the renaming of the street. This is not the mandate of the committee.

It was moved by Gerald MacPherson and Carolyn Landry

That Cornwallis Street be renamed Bridge as determined public engagement.

MOTION CARRIED

It was moved by Mike Cameron and Gillian Yorke

That the proposed names list, including Harmony, be the Town of Kentville Names List.

MOTION CARRIED

It was moved by Gillian Yorke and Mike Cameron

That the committee delegate Kirsten Duncan to manage the Names List.

MOTION CARRIED

It was moved by Gillian Yorke and Mike Cameron

That the committee draft a letter of recommendation for the name change to Council for the September Council meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

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Kentville New Minas Dog Park Naming

It was moved by Gillian Yorke and Carolyn Landry

That the committee share the revised Naming and Renaming Policy with New Minas regarding the Kentville New Minas Dog Park renaming, with the recommendation of Kitpu as the name for this facility.

Amendment

That the committee recommend to Council that the Revised Policy be shared with New Minas including the Names List and the recommendation of Kitpu as the name for this facility.

MOTION CARRIED

Note: Kitpu means Eagle, and it is also known as the teacher of love.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday September 27, 2023 at 10am.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved

That the August 30, 2023 meeting of the Heritage Committee be adjourned at 11:03 pm.

MOTION CARRIED



TO: Names List Committee

SUBMITTED BY: Jennifer West, Deputy Clerk

DATE: August 30, 2023

SUBJECT: Renaming of Cornwallis Street, Public Engagement Results

ORIGIN

On June 29, 2020, Council approved a motion to rename Cornwallis Street. At the July 2020 meeting, Council approved the formation of an Ad Hoc committee to consider this name change, however this committee was not immediately launched to accommodate the October 2020 municipal election.

At the June 14, 2021 meeting of Council Advisory Committee, Council voted to give the task of renaming the street to the newly-formed Kentville Inclusion and Access Advisory Committee (KIAAC). This committee developed a structure of creating ad hoc committees or Teams to explore and give recommendations on specific issues of concern. It was recommended by the committee that a task team be established to explore the best way to rename Cornwallis Street and any other contentious street name.

The terms of reference for this Task Team was approved by the KIAAC in August 2021 and the Street Naming and Renaming Task Team first met in February of 2022.

The Street Naming Task Team created a policy and brought the draft Street Naming and Renaming Policy to Council Advisory Committee on June 13, 2022 and it was approved on October 24, 2022.

DISCUSSION

In November and December 2022, after the approval of the Naming and Renaming process, letters were received from six Kentville residents and Kentville-associated-people requesting that the town change the name of Cornwallis Street. Staff responded to each of the requests and asked if they had suggestions for names, and Bridge and Harmony were both suggested.

Public engagement on this name change occurred from January to March 31, 2023 to get feedback on the two proposed names, and to get ideas for additional names. During this time, staff met in person with the following groups: Soup Kitchen, Kentville Farmers Market, Active for Life, Suzi's Fitness, Community Supper. Staff met face-to-face with 170 people for this project.




Staff promoted the online survey to residents and reached out to the following groups to encourage participation in the online survey: Kentville Business Community, Kings County Academy, Town committee and commission members, town staff, Nova Scotia Community College at Kingstec, Kentville Historical Society, Kings Historical Society, and Northeast Kings Education Centre.

Additionally, staff reached out to the Mi'kmaq community through direct emails: Annapolis Valley First nation, Glooscap First Nation, Daniel Paul, Carolyn Landry and Neenie Landry.

RESULTS

Question 1. We have received two name suggestions for Cornwallis Street, please let us know which name you prefer. You can also suggest another name for this street. Street type ("Street", "Avenue", etc) will be decided at a later date.

Results:

 Bridge	133
 Harmony	49
 Other	117



Online results: 133 for Bridge and 49 for Harmony.

In person results: 60 votes for Bridge and 31 votes for Harmony.

Total: 193 for Bridge, 80 for Harmony.

Question 2. Do you have a suggestion for a name for some future street, park, trail or building in Kentville? This will be added to the Names List.



Suggestions (meet policy criteria): Unison, Deer, Friendship, Dayliner, Wildcats, Spike, Harvest, Cardinal, Jijuktu'kwejk, Honey Crisp, Penooek (place name), Apple, Jade, Drake, Phoenix, Kentville, Apple Blossom, Rocky Road, Kodiak, Blossom, Marsh, Memorial, Woodsboro, Valley, Reflection, Tidal, Kitpu (eagle), Welcome, Unity, Carriage Way, Pineok (place name), Obsitquetchk (place name), Half Acre, Coyote, Honey bee, Garden, Wildflower, Wildberry, Fundy, Riverside, Crow, Heritage, Veterans, Oak, Druid, Abenaki (people), Acadian, Faithful

Other suggestion (do not meet policy criteria): Anand, Gesner, Gibson, King, Gladys Porter, Duke, Horton, Hardy, Bailey, Basque (first Mikmaq in NS to earn a teaching degree)

Excerpts:

“Kitpu - means eagle. As of July 2022 Mi'kmaq is recognized as the official first language of Nova Scotia. It is very significant because the eagle is very important to the people. I am a teacher and when I drive to the school I see eagles flying above the school every day.”

“something relating to Kwanzaa”

“Something to show respect to our indigenous community”

“**Master** lists refer to the most “powerful” resource available. These words directly reference a painful history of racial and cultural oppression. Before making any such list, I suggest you consider the name of said list.”

“Nothing specific but I believe names should be tied to the history of Kentville.”

“Anything other than name them after politicians, past or present.”

“an indigenous word for cornwallis river - something relating to our agriculture heritage.”

“Have you asked Annapolis Valley First Nation for name suggestions? That would demonstrate a desire for reconciliation.”

NEXT STEPS

Based on the Naming and Renaming policy, staff recommend

- that the committee review the process of renaming a street
- that the committee review the results of the public engagement process (section 4.1.1)
- that the committee, based on this process, select a new name for Cornwallis Street

- that the committee adopt the suggested names which meet policy criteria, into the Town of Kentville Names List (4.1.2)

- that the committee delegate management of the Names List to Planning Technician Kirsten Duncan (4.1.3)



- that the committee recommend this name to Council in a formal letter (4.1.5)