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TO: Standing Committee on Policy and Strategic Priorities
FROM: Civic Asset Naming Committee
SUBJECT: Naming of New Street - Jack Uppal Street

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the new street which runs between East Kent Avenue North and Sawmill Crescent, as shown in heavy black outline on the graphic attached as Appendix A, be named "Jack Uppal Street";

FURTHER THAT the Director of Legal Services be directed to bring forward the appropriate amendment to the Street Name By-law.

CITY MANAGER'S COMMENTS

The City Manager submits the foregoing for consideration.

COUNCIL POLICY

Council uses the Street Name By-Law, No. 4054, to name and regulate public roads in the City of Vancouver. The Civic Asset Naming Committee was established by Council on February 29, 2012 and re-established on December 16, 2014. The Committee approves names to be added to the Name Reserve List based on input from staff regarding compliance with naming policies and guidelines and also recommends names to Council for new streets and roads, development areas, pedestrian and cycling infrastructure, and other City-owned assets and facilities (excluding Parks and Library assets).

PURPOSE

This report seeks Council approval of naming a new public street in the River District (East Fraser Lands) as "Jack Uppal Street".

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

The Civic Asset Naming Committee views the River District development as a significant heritage landscape and, while the industrial uses have been removed, the area's street names strive to reflect the site's rich historical, cultural, geographical and natural features. The name put forward in this report has been chosen after careful thought, research and discussion, and also with a view of the River District development as a whole.

The Civic Asset Naming Committee, at its meeting on February 15, 2016, approved the name "Jack Uppal Street" be recommended to City Council for the new street to be created, after Jagat "Jack" Singh Uppal, Sikh pioneer and successful businessman with ties to the River District area.

Mr. Uppal founded Goldwood Industries on Mitchell Island, a connection to the lumber industry on the Fraser River that fits well with the River District's sawmill history and honourably represents the large number of Sikhs who worked at the Canadian White Pine Mill. One of the oldest sawmills in BC, and the first owned and operated by H.R. MacMillan, the Mill was located on the north arm of the Fraser, on land that is now the River District. Mr. Uppal came to British Columbia as an infant in 1926 and dedicated his life to his company and his community, especially in regard to issues of racism and discrimination. He received an honorary doctorate from SFU in acknowledgement of his activism on behalf of the South Asian community and was also awarded a BC Community Achievement Award, UBC's Nehru Humanitarian Award, and the Queen's Silver Jubilee Medal.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications.

CONCLUSION

The Civic Asset Naming Committee recommends Council approve the name "Jack Uppal Street" for the new street in the River District area.

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PLAN TO ACCOMPANY A BY-LAW TO
AMEND STREET NAME BY-LAW No. 4054.

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