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TO: Vancouver City Council

FROM: Civic Asset Naming Committee

SUBJECT: Street Naming - Naming of Street Extension and New Public Street -
Yew Street and Lahb Avenue

RECOMMENDATION

- A. THAT the new public street running north from Nanton Street, shown in heavy black outline on the graphic attached as Appendix A, be named "Yew Street", as it is an extension of the existing street.
- B. THAT the new public street running between Yew and Arbutus Streets, north of Nanton Avenue, shown in heavy black outline on the graphic attached as Appendix A, be named as "Lahb Avenue".
- C. THAT the Director of Legal Services be instructed to bring forward the appropriate amendments to the Street Name By-law.

CITY MANAGER'S COMMENTS

The City Manager submits the foregoing recommendations 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 Names 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 Arbutus Village development as “Yew Street” as it represents an extension of the existing street. It also seeks approval of naming a new public street in the same area as “Lahb Avenue”.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

On June 1, 2015, the Civic Asset Naming Committee considered two new streets to be created adjacent the Arbutus Village development. At that meeting, the Committee agreed to recommend to Council that the street running north from Nanton Avenue be named “Yew Street” as it is an extension of the existing street.

Subsequently, on October 5, 2015, the Committee further discussed the new street to be created running from the new Yew Street extension to Arbutus Street, and agreed to recommend the name “Lahb Avenue” for this street.

Chinook Jargon was the trade language used in the Pacific Northwest in the 19th century, and it was the working language of many in early Vancouver. As the Arbutus Ridge area was under licence to the Hastings Mill which employed many First Nations both at the mill and on logging crews, the Committee felt this to be an appropriate name for this location as lahb is the Chinook word for the arbutus tree.

This section of Yew Street has now been dedicated as road and is owned by the City, and the section of street proposed as “Lahb Avenue” has been established by way of registration of a Statutory Right of Way in favour of the City for street purposes.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications.

CONCLUSION

The Civic Asset Naming Committee recommends Council approve the names “Yew Street” and “Lahb Avenue” for two new streets to be created adjacent the Arbutus Village development.

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

DRAWING NOT TO SCALE

