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ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

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TO: Vancouver City Council

FROM: Street Naming Committee

SUBJECT: New Public Street Names - Langara Avenue and Extension of Carolina Street

RECOMMENDATION

- A. THAT the public road named Langara Street be renamed Langara Avenue.
- B. THAT the new public road, directly opposite to Carolina Street across Terminal Avenue, be named an extension of Carolina Street.
- 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 RECOMMENDS approval of A, B and C.

COUNCIL POLICY

Council uses the Street Name By-Law, No. 4054, to name and regulate public roads in the City of Vancouver. The Street Naming Committee, a staff team, is chaired by the City Clerk, and comprised of the Archivist, City Surveyor, representatives of the Planning, Licenses & Inspections, and Fire & Rescue Services Departments. The Committee is responsible for the management of a consistent, integrated and duplication-free street name system.

PURPOSE

The report seeks Council approval for renaming an existing road Langara Avenue and naming an extension of Carolina Street.

DISCUSSION

Langara Avenue

The Street Naming Committee was advised of a discrepancy in the names of Langara Street and Langara Avenue. The discrepancy was noticed by the Solid Waste Department when implementing the new automated garbage collection system.

Langara Avenue and Langara Street are located in the northwest corner of the City and were named at different times. Langara Street was intentionally used for a short block between Tolmie Street and Belmont Avenue. However, all the street signs on both roads show Langara Avenue; all the residents on both roads are using Langara Avenue in their mailing address.

The Committee noted all the Langara addresses are numbered on the east-west grid, although Langara Street is on the north-south grid. In addition, the map book used by the Fire Department shows Langara Avenue for both roads. The Fire Department prefers having the name Langara Avenue for both roads to avoid confusion.

Therefore, the Street Naming Committee proposes Langara Street be renamed Langara Avenue (Appendix A).

Extension of Carolina Street

The Committee was advised of the recent subdivision of 600 Evans Avenue, which has created a new public road. The new road is directly opposite to Carolina Street, located across Terminal Avenue (see Appendix B). The Committee proposes naming the new public road as an extension of Carolina Street.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications.

CONCLUSION

The Street Naming Committee recommends Council approve the name Langara Avenue for the road previously named Langara Street and the name Carolina Street for the new public road which will be an extension of the existing Carolina Street.

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