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TO: Vancouver City Council
FROM: Street Naming Committee
SUBJECT: Southeast False Creek Olympic Village Neighbourhood - New Public Streets

RECOMMENDATION

- A. THAT the new public north/south street located east of the Salt Building be named *Salt Street*.
- B. THAT the new public east/west street located north of First Avenue be named *Walter Hardwick Avenue*.
- C. THAT the new public east/west street located closest to False Creek be named *Athletes Way*.
- D. 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, C and D.

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

This report seeks Council approval for naming the following new public streets in the Southeast False Creek Olympic Village Neighbourhood: *Salt Street*; *Walter Hardwick Avenue*; and *Athletes Way*.

BACKGROUND

On September 26, 2006, Vancouver City Council considered the Administrative Report *Southeast False Creek Olympic Village Neighbourhood - New Public Streets*, dated September 8, 2006, submitted by the Street Naming Committee. Council approved the street names for the following three extensions of existing public streets:

- The extension of Columbia Street to be named *Columbia Street*.
- The extension of Manitoba Street to be named *Manitoba Street*.
- The extension of Ontario Street to be named *Ontario Street*.

However, Council postponed consideration of street names for three new public streets to the Regular Council meeting on October 17, 2006, and referred them to the Street Naming Committee for further consideration, with additional suggestions for street names from Council members.

DISCUSSION

The Street Naming Committee met on October 5, 2006 to consider street names for the three unnamed public streets in the Olympic Village Neighbourhood.

The Committee considered suggestions submitted by Council members and by the Southeast False Creek Project Office, which provided a list of proposed names on behalf of Millennium Development, the Project Office, City staff, and the Southeast False Creek Stewardship Group. The Committee eliminated suggestions which were duplicates of street names in Vancouver or neighbouring cities (Jacobs, Marine Workers Way). The Committee also tried to avoid lengthy double-barrelled street names, such as Shipyard Workers Way.

Following lengthy discussion, the Committee agreed upon the following recommendations for the three new public streets in the Southeast False Creek Olympic Village Neighbourhood (see Appendix A):

- The north/south street located east of the Salt Building, to be named *Salt Street* to recognize the strong historical significance and former use of the heritage building (Salt Building) at 85 West First Avenue.

- The east/west street located just north of First Avenue to be named *Walter Hardwick Avenue*. Although the Committee avoids proposing double-barrelled names for streets, it agreed to recommend to name this east/west street in recognition of Walter Hardwick, who was a prominent urban planner and visionary for Vancouver, as well as a driving force for the restoration and redevelopment of the south shore of False Creek.
- The east/west street closest to False Creek to be named *Athletes Way* to reflect not only the athletes competing in the 2010 Olympic Winter Games, but all athletes. This will be the major east/west street and one of the major corridors the athletes at the 2010 Olympic Winter Games will use to travel between their residences and the Olympic Village International Zone, transit, competition venues, and medal ceremonies.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications.

CONCLUSION

The Street Naming Committee recommends Council approve the following new public street names for the Southeast False Creek Olympic Village Neighbourhood: *Salt Street*, *Walter Hardwick Avenue*, and *Athletes Way*.

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DEPARTMENTAL APPROVAL AND REPORT CONCURRENCES

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This report has been prepared in consultation with the departments listed to the right, and they concur with its contents.

Concurring Departments:

