



CITY OF VANCOUVER

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

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Meeting Date: March 24, 2009

TO: Vancouver City Council

FROM: Street Naming Committee

SUBJECT: Extension of Public Street Names: Thornton Street and East 1st Avenue

RECOMMENDATION

- A. THAT the extension of Thornton Street between Great Northern Way and the BNSF Railway, as shown in Appendix A, be named *Thornton Street*.
- B. THAT the extension of East 1st Avenue, as shown in Appendix A, be named *East 1st 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 RECOMMENDS approval of the foregoing.

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 naming extensions of public streets as *Thornton Street* and *East 1st Avenue*.

DISCUSSION

In 1979 Vancouver City Council exchanged the location of Cottrell Avenue and Thornton Avenue, then later in the same year changed the name from Thornton Avenue to Thornton Street.

In 1999, as a condition of the rezoning of the Great Northern Technology Park to Comprehensive District (CD-1), an option to purchase agreement and a services agreement were granted to the City to secure the re-alignment and construction of Prince Edward Street (proposed to become a new section of *Thornton Street*).

On April 29, 2008, Vancouver City Council approved the Administrative Report “*396 and 375 East 1st Avenue - Land Exchange*”, dated April 14, 2008, and, with the approval of the report, the realignment and dedication of Thornton Street. The Thornton Street alignment is expected to one day become an important through-street across the False Creek Flats from Great Northern Way to Malkin Avenue.

At its meeting on July 3, 2008, the Street Naming Committee agreed to the naming of this newly dedicated portion of *Thornton Street*. In addition, a portion of East 1st Avenue will be closed, shifted and extended to meet the realigned Thornton Street (see Appendix A). Due to ongoing discussions between the City and Great Northern Way Campus Trust, a report requesting Council approval of the street names was delayed.

At its meeting on February 12, 2009, the Street Naming Committee was advised this matter has been resolved and the streets are now dedicated. Therefore the Committee recommends that the street extensions as shown in Appendix A be named as extensions of Thornton Street and East 1st Avenue.

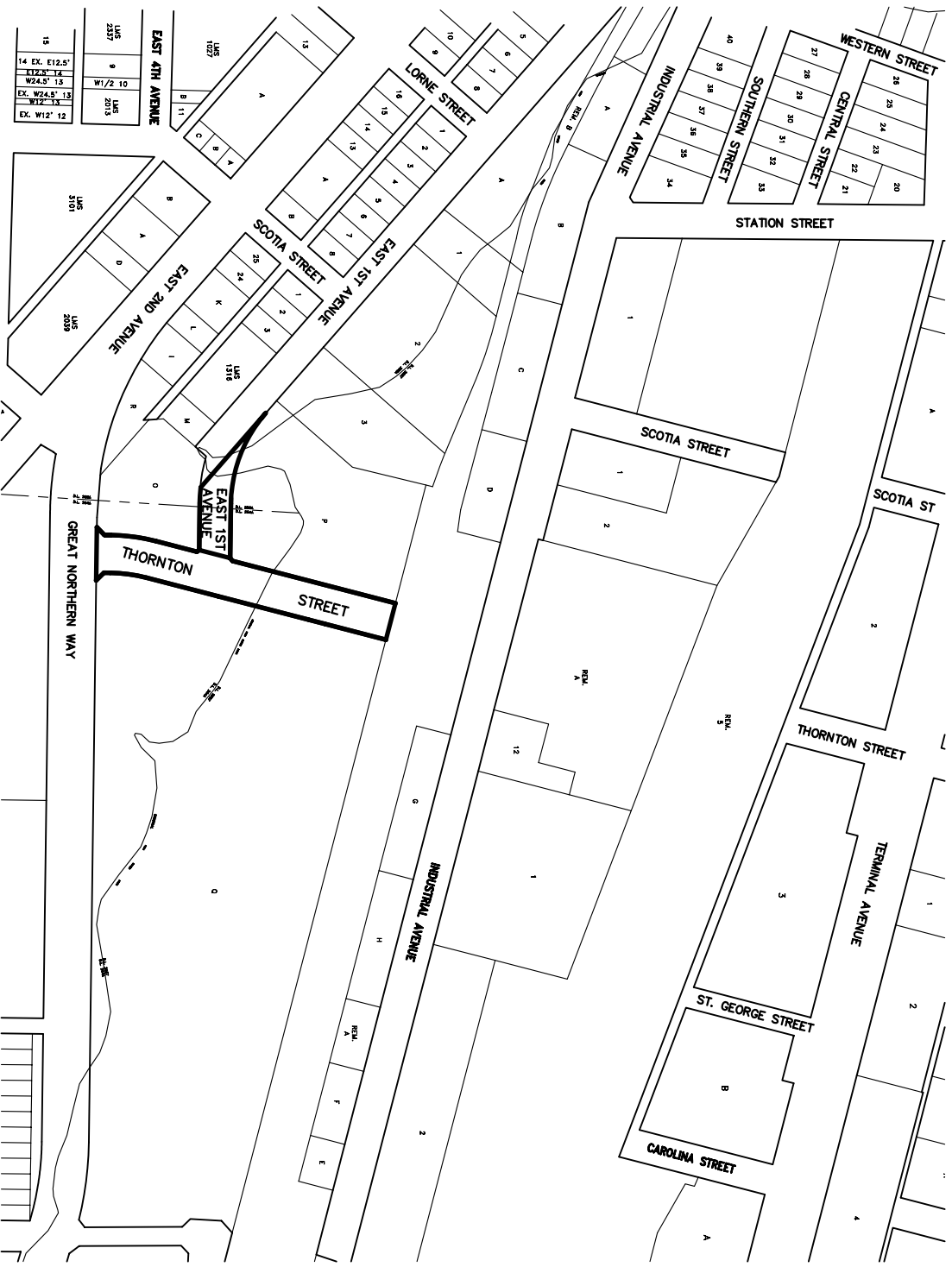
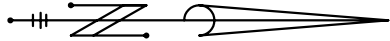
CONCLUSION

The Street Naming Committee recommends Council approve the name of the extended streets as *Thornton Street* and *East 1st Avenue*.

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

NOT TO SCALE



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