



ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

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TO: Standing Committee on Planning, Transportation and Environment
FROM: City Clerk
SUBJECT: Lane East of 600 Thurlow Street and South of 1100 Melville Street - New Public Street Name - "Hailstone Street"

RECOMMENDATION

- A. THAT the lane East of 600 Thurlow Street and South of 1100 Melville Street, as shown in the graphic attached as Appendix A, be named as "Hailstone Street".
- B. THAT the Director of Legal Services be instructed to bring forward the appropriate amendment to the Street Name By-law.

CITY MANAGER'S COMMENTS

The City Manager submits the foregoing recommendations for consideration.

COUNCIL AUTHORITY/PREVIOUS DECISIONS

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 City Archivist, City Surveyor, and representatives of the Planning, Development Services (Addressing), and Fire & Rescue Services Departments. The Committee is responsible for the management of a consistent, integrated and duplication-free street name system.

The process for street naming in the city is currently under review. Recommended changes will be presented to Council in the near future.

REPORT SUMMARY

This report seeks Council approval for naming an existing lane east of Thurlow Street and south of Melville Street as "Hailstone Street".

REPORT

Background/Context

At its meeting on September 15, 2011, the Committee considered a request from By-law Enforcement staff to name the lane east of 600 Thurlow Street and south of 100 Melville Street as a street. It was noted that due to the unique configuration of this lane, Parking Enforcement staff are unable to issue tickets with their palm pilots and must instead issue a manual ticket, causing delays in the ticket being entered into the electronic system. For that reason, the Street Naming Committee agreed to assign a name to the street. Since the "lane" is wider than 10.06 metres it will be named as a street rather than a lane.

Subsequently, at its meeting on October 13, 2011, the Committee considered, among other suggestions, the name "Hailstone". William Hailstone was, along with Sam Brighthouse and John Morton, one of the original owners of District Lot 185 - essentially the entire West End. At the time, people in New Westminster thought the three gentlemen had made a bad investment based on inexperience, and nicknamed them the "Three Greenhorns".

Brighthouse and Morton are already commemorated with street names in Greater Vancouver. Therefore the Committee agreed to recommend the name "Hailstone Street" for the subject street.

Implications/Related Issues/Risk

Financial

There are no financial implications.

CONCLUSION

The Street Naming Committee recommends Council approve the name of "Hailstone Street" for the lane east of Thurlow Street and South of 1100 Melville Street.

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

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