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TO: Vancouver City Council
FROM: Vancouver Civic Asset Naming Committee
SUBJECT: Naming of Street Extensions - Continental Street and Rolston Street

RECOMMENDATION

- A. THAT the new public street extension shown as "Road A" on the graphic attached as Appendix A, be named as "Continental Street".
- B. THAT the new public street extension shown as "Road B" on the graphic attached as Appendix A, be named as "Rolston 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 submits the foregoing recommendations for consideration.

REPORT SUMMARY

This report seeks Council approval of naming two public street extensions as "Continental Street" and "Rolston Street".

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 Civic Asset Naming Committee was established by Council

on February 29, 2012, and consists of one representative of the Vancouver Historical Society, one representative of the Vancouver Public Spaces Network, three members of the public residing in Vancouver, two members of the Multicultural Advisory Committee and two members of the Urban Aboriginal Peoples Advisory Committee. 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).

The "Granville Loops Policies and Guidelines" were adopted by Council on October 7, 2010.

On June 28, 2011, Council approved renaming "Rolston Crescent" as "Rolston Street", "Neon Street", and "Continental Street" due to the reconfiguration of the street from a crescent to a normal grid pattern, which will occur with the removal of Granville Bridge "loops".

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Background/Context

The name "Continental Street" was approved by Council at its meeting on June 28, 2011. The name was recommended by the former Street Naming Committee in recognition of the Continental Hotel (later renamed the "Old Continental Hotel"). The hotel was built in 1911-12 at 1390 Granville Street, and was in operation as a residence at that location until 2013.

The name "Rolston" was first approved for this location by Council in 2002, after Tilly Jean Cameron Rolston (1887-1953). Rolston was a native of Vancouver, who trained as a teacher at the University of British Columbia and Vancouver Normal School. In 1938 she entered public life on behalf of the British Columbia Council of Women. Among many public roles she subsequently took up were those of direction of Pacific National Exhibition, founding Chair of Theatre Under the Stars and members of the board of the Vancouver Symphony Society. In 1941, Tilly Rolston was elected to the British Columbia Legislature as member for Point Grey. Re-elected twice, she became British Columbia's Minister of Education in 1952 and the first woman in Canadian History to hold a cabinet post with portfolio.

The Granville Loops Policy Plan calls for the removal of the Granville Bridge loops between Pacific Street and Neon Street and the extension of the grid street pattern through that block (see aerial photo attached as Appendix B). The future extensions of Continental and Rolston Streets from Neon Street to Pacific Street when produced southerly across Pacific Street will intersect with the new streets that are being dedicated to the City by the "Vancouver House" development at 1412-1460 Howe Street. These new streets are shown as Road A (to be named Continental Street) and Road B (to be named Rolston Street) on Appendix A. The Granville Bridge ramp structures connecting Howe and Seymour Streets to the bridge will remain in place above these new streets. The new names sought by this report will apply to the

surface of the new streets i.e. below the bridge structures, to accommodate wayfinding and addressing for the new Vancouver House development.

Implications/Related Issues/Risk (if applicable)

Financial

There are no financial implications.

CONCLUSION

The Civic Asset Naming Committee recommends Council approve the names "Continental Street" and "Rolston Street" for the new streets shown on the attached Appendix A as they represent extensions of the existing streets of the same names.

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

DRAWING NOT TO SCALE



