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TO: Vancouver City Council
FROM: Civic Asset Naming Committee
SUBJECT: New Street Name - Henshaw Lane

RECOMMENDATION

- A. THAT the existing lane located between Nelson and Comox Streets and between Bidwell and Nicola Streets, as shown on the graphic attached as Appendix A, be named as "Henshaw Lane".
- 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 for consideration.

COUNCIL POLICY

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. 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).

PURPOSE

This report seeks Council approval of naming an existing lane located between the 1500 and 1600 blocks of Nelson and Comox Streets, between Bidwell and Nicola Streets, in the West End, as "Henshaw Lane".

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

At its meeting on September 8, 2014, the Civic Asset Naming Committee approved the name "Henshaw Lane" for the lane located between Nelson and Comox Streets. The name refers to Julia Henshaw, an accomplished writer and botanist who spent part of her life in Vancouver's West End. She had come to New Westminster from Montreal with her husband Charles in 1890 and quickly took her place in Vancouver society, becoming a well-known hostess and patron of the arts. She was a founding member of the Canadian Alpine Club, the Vancouver Musical Club, and the Georgian Club, and she was involved with the Imperial Daughters of the Empire and the Women's Canadian Club. She also worked as a newspaper columnist and literary and theatre critic. She served in the First World War, earning British, Allied and Canadian war medals, and, for her service as a Red Cross ambulance driver, France's Croix de Guerre.

This is the first West End lane to require a name for addressing purposes since the West End Community Plan was approved by Council on November 20, 2013. The wider laneways typical of the West End present an opportunity to develop ground-oriented infill housing and to enhance the laneways as more walkable public spaces, potentially with improved lighting, gardens, landscaping, and traffic calming, while still maintaining integral servicing, parking and utility functions. This overall strategy is referred to as "Laneways 2.0" throughout the plan. The Civic Asset Naming Committee sees the strategy as an opportunity to recognize a number of individuals with strong connections to the West End.

Although Recommendation A refers specifically to only two West End blocks, from Bidwell Street to Nicola Street, the Committee intends to recommend "Henshaw Lane" for the remaining blocks of this lane alignment, i.e. between Stanley Park and Bute Street, as addresses are required for new developments and it is practical to install lane name signage.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications.

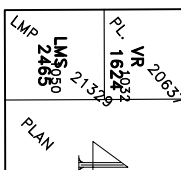
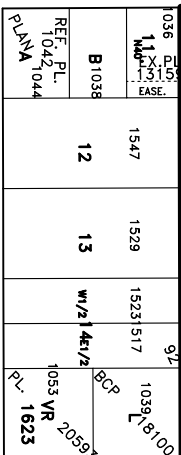
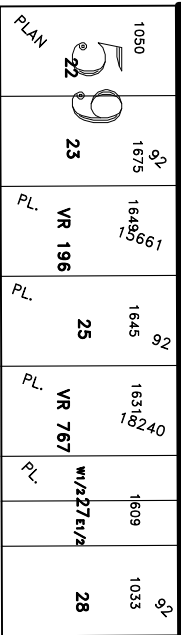
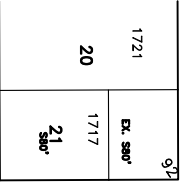
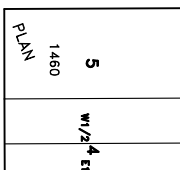
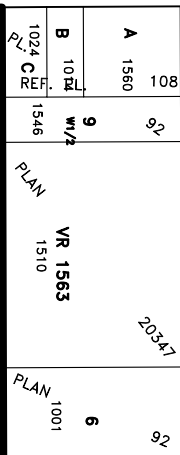
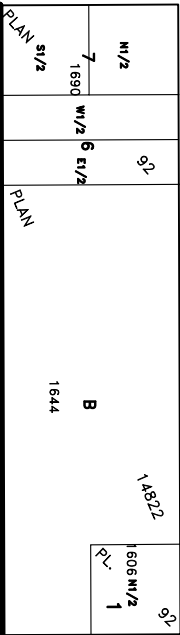
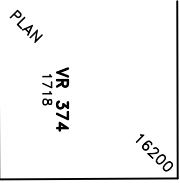
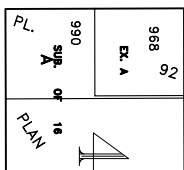
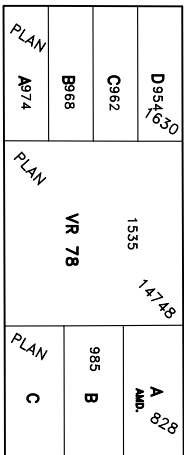
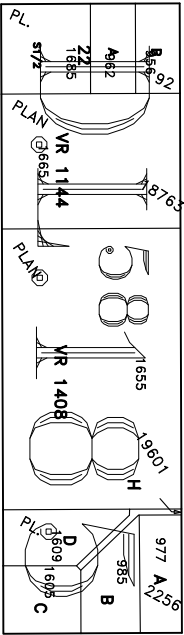
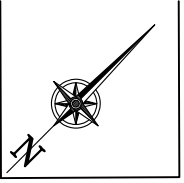
CONCLUSION

The Civic Asset Naming Committee recommends Council approve the name "Henshaw Lane" for the existing West End lane located between the 1500 and 1600 blocks of Comox and Nelson Streets, between Bidwell and Nicola Streets.

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

DRAWING NOT TO SCALE



BIDWELL ST COMOX ST 1600 W

CARDERO ST 1500 W

NICOLA ST 1400 W

