



ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

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TO: Standing Committee on City Finances and Services
FROM: General Manager of Planning and Development Services
SUBJECT: Recognizing Pat Quinn's Contributions to Vancouver

RECOMMENDATION

- A. THAT the existing segment of Abbott Street, between Expo Boulevard and Pacific Boulevard, directly east of Rogers Arena, as shown on the map attached as Appendix A, be renamed "Pat Quinn Way", in recognition of Pat Quinn's contributions to Vancouver.
- B. THAT the Director of Legal Services be instructed to bring forward the appropriate amendment to the Street Name By-law.
- C. THAT the General Manager of Engineering Services be directed to expedite fabrication and installation of revised street signage.

REPORT SUMMARY

In accordance with Council's resolution on December 16, 2014, this report brings forward a recommendation for a civic asset to be named in recognition of Pat Quinn's contributions to Vancouver, working with the input of his family, the Civic Asset Naming Committee, and other appropriate stakeholders.

Staff recommend that the 700-block of Abbott Street, between Expo Boulevard and Pacific Boulevard, directly east of Rogers Arena, be renamed "Pat Quinn Way" in recognition of Pat Quinn's contributions to Vancouver.

COUNCIL AUTHORITY/PREVIOUS DECISIONS

On December 16, 2014 Council passed a motion, attached as Appendix B, recognizing Pat Quinn's significant contributions to Vancouver. Council directed staff to report back on options to identify an appropriate place or civic asset to be named in

recognition of Pat Quinn's contributions to Vancouver, and to work with the input of the Quinn family, the Civic Asset Naming Committee, and other appropriate stakeholders.

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 and also recommends names to Council for new streets and roads, development areas, pedestrian and cycling infrastructure, and other civic assets (excluding Parks and Library assets).

CITY MANAGER'S/GENERAL MANAGER'S COMMENTS

The General Manager of Planning and Development Services recommends approval of the foregoing.

REPORT

Background/Context

The recent death of Pat Quinn has inspired a national conversation regarding his lifetime of significant contributions to hockey and athletics across Canada and at the international level. Over the course of his career, Pat Quinn was involved with the Vancouver Canucks National Hockey League (NHL) team as a player, Head Coach, General Manager and President. He presided over the move of the Vancouver Canucks from Pacific Coliseum to Rogers Arena (then General Motors Place) in 1995. He was a leading supporter of the Vancouver Canucks club involvement with the Canuck Place Children's Hospice and the work of Canucks for Kids Fund. As a co-owner of the Vancouver Giants Western Hockey League team, he remained strongly involved with junior ice hockey in Vancouver.

Internationally, Pat Quinn coached Canada to gold medal championships at the World Cup of Hockey International Ice Hockey Federation (IIHF) Under 20 and Under 18 World Junior Hockey Championships. In 2002, he coached Canada's Olympic Men's Hockey Team to a gold medal at the Olympic Winter Games in Salt Lake City, Utah, Canada's first gold medal in fifty years.

Strategic Analysis

Staff identified a shortlist of civic assets and public spaces close to Rogers Arena and to the Pacific Coliseum, two venues with a strong connection to Pat Quinn's hockey career in Vancouver. A shortlist was presented to the Quinn family, for their consideration and input, with the invitation to suggest other potential locations.

Working with early input from Vancouver Fire and Rescue Services and from Engineering Services, the shortlist was further refined to focus on two options:

- Abbott Street, between Expo Boulevard and Pacific Boulevard, and
- Public plaza south of the Pacific Coliseum.

Given the potential addressing implications of renaming a street segment, input was requested from Engineering Services, Addressing and Fire and Rescue Services staff. Some concerns about wayfinding and continuity were raised, and if the option to rename a segment of Abbott Street is supported by Council, staff will work to address wayfinding concerns through appropriate signage.

Any businesses on the 700-block of Abbott Street operate from Rogers Arena, which is addressed from Griffiths Way. None of the surrounding parcels of land are addressed from the 700-block of Abbott Street, minimizing the addressing impact of renaming this section of the street. Vancouver Fire and Rescue Services confirmed that renaming the block would not present any emergency services concerns.

Consultation

The idea to rename a segment of Abbott Street in recognition of Pat Quinn was initially proposed by Tom Mayenknecht in November 2014. Materials included in the 2014 proposal were reviewed by staff and used to help prepare a shortlist of options.

Several discussions with the Quinn family helped to identify and narrow down the options, with the goal of finding an option that would be meaningful for Pat Quinn's family members as well as the broader Vancouver hockey community. Feedback from the Quinn family indicated that the Abbott Street option would be their preferred choice, given the central location and its proximity to the Vancouver Canucks venue (see Figure 1, below, and Appendix A).

Figure 1: Abbott Street (700-block) looking north towards Pacific Boulevard



On February 2, staff met with the Civic Asset Naming Committee to obtain input on the two shortlisted options: renaming a segment of Abbott Street adjacent to Rogers Arena, or naming the plaza south of the Pacific Coliseum. Typically, the City does not consider renaming streets unless the renaming generally improves public safety, given the potential addressing and emergency response impacts for existing residents and businesses. Committee members also carefully consider historic and cultural connections, applying these guiding principles when evaluating each street naming proposal.

Based on the following guiding principles, the Committee members supported the first option, to rename the segment of Abbott Street adjacent to Rogers Arena:

1. Integrity of historical references. As the 700-block of Abbott Street is a recent extension of Gastown's over 100-year old Abbott Street, named for Canadian Pacific Railway executive Henry Braithwaite Abbott, the historic connection remains intact.
2. Authenticity of the site. The downtown location's proximity to the current Vancouver Canucks venue and to Griffiths Way is significantly more relevant to the legacy of Pat Quinn than the Pacific Coliseum site. Both Arthur Griffiths and Pat Quinn were instrumental in the Vancouver Canucks move to Rogers Arena in 1995.
3. Address retention. The only business in the area is located at Rogers Arena, which is addressed from Griffiths Way.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications.

CONCLUSION

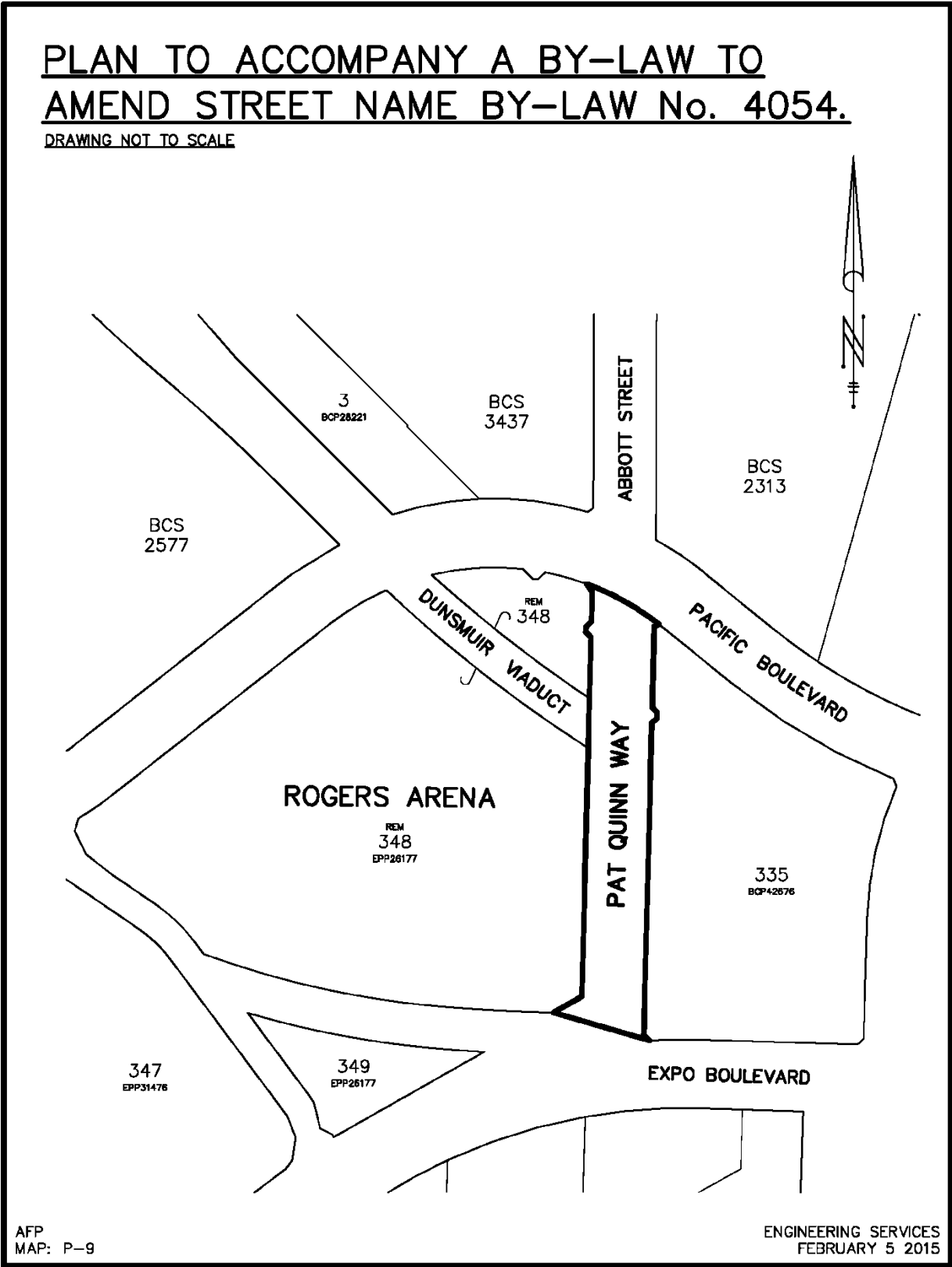
Staff recommend that Council approve the name "Pat Quinn Way" for the existing 700-block of Abbott Street, between Expo Boulevard and Pacific Boulevard, directly east of Rogers Arena, in recognition of Pat Quinn's significant contributions to Vancouver.

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APPENDIX A:

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

DRAWING NOT TO SCALE



APPENDIX B: Resolution of Council, December 16, 2014

WHEREAS

1. The recent passing of Pat Quinn has inspired a national conversation regarding his lifetime of significant contributions to hockey and athletics across Canada;
2. There has been outpouring of reflection in Vancouver on Pat Quinn's work and legacy as a former player, coach, general manager and president with the Vancouver Canucks, and his extensive record of support for our local community;
3. Vancouver City Council is tremendously grateful for Pat Quinn's outstanding work to shape, build and enhance our city's dynamic hockey culture, and his support for our emerging young athletes.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

- A. THAT staff be directed to report back on options to identify an appropriate place or civic asset to be named in recognition of Pat Quinn's contributions to Vancouver, working with the input of his family, the Civic Asset Naming Committee, and other appropriate stakeholders.
- B. THAT staff be directed to explore Abbott Street alongside Rogers Arena as one potential option for recognizing Pat Quinn's life and legacy.