

COUNCIL MEMBERS' MOTION

3. Toward Reconciliation: Renaming Trutch Street

Submitted by: Mayor Stewart

WHEREAS

1. The City of Vancouver has a North-South street in Kitsilano named after Joseph Trutch called Trutch Street;
2. Joseph Trutch was an English-born engineer and surveyor who served as the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works under Governor Frederick Seymour and the first Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia;
3. Joseph Trutch was a racist and the chief architect of racist policies which inflicted immense and long-standing harm to First Nations People;
4. Trutch championed a colonial government policy which denied First Nations' title to their lands, blocked their right to acquire lands held by non-Indigenous residents, and massively reduced previously established reserve boundaries - effectively establishing a 10-acre (40,000 m²) maximum reserve size;
5. The City of Vancouver became a City of Reconciliation in 2014 and promises to review Vancouver's colonial and racist past as well as make changes to reflect a reconciled relationship with First Nations People; and
6. The Musqueam Indian Band has requested the City of Vancouver rename Trutch Street.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council direct staff to report back on the most expeditious way to rename Trutch Street with an alternative name chosen by the Musqueam Indian Band;

FURTHER THAT Council direct the Mayor to undertake appropriate consultation with Musqueam Chief and Council;

AND FURTHER THAT Council confirms it is open to considering similar requests from the Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh Nations.

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