



# CITY POLICY

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**TITLE:**                    **Naming Development Areas, Parks, Municipal Facilities, Roads and Honorary Roads**

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**Policy Statement:**

The primary function of naming development areas, parks, municipal facilities, roads and honorary roads is to recognize and commemorate noteworthy persons associated with Edmonton; reflect Edmonton's heritage; and to recognize the flora, fauna and natural features of the community.

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**The purpose of this policy is to:**

1. Establish naming criteria;
2. Establish principles for the naming of development areas, parks, municipal facilities, roads, and honorary roads, and, if requested by the City Manager, components of municipal facilities;
3. Establish principles to recognize former Mayors; and
4. Establish principles to recognize former Councillors.



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1. Definitions – terms have the same meaning as they do in the Naming Committee Bylaw

2. Naming Criteria

- a. The name of a person must meet at least one of the following criteria:
  - i. A person who demonstrates excellence, courage or exceptional dedication to service in ways that bring special credit to the City of Edmonton, Province of Alberta, or Canada;
  - ii. A person who volunteers and gives extraordinary help or care to individuals, families or groups, or supports community services or humanitarian causes;
  - iii. A person who fosters equality and reduces discrimination;
  - iv. A person who risks his or her life to save or protect others; and
  - v. A person who achieves a deed or activity performed in an outstanding professional manner or of an uncommonly high standard that brings considerable benefit or great honour to the City of Edmonton, Province of Alberta, or Canada.
- b. The City of Edmonton encourages that the names to be honoured reflect the heritage, cultural, ethnic or gender diversity of the community, including early pioneers who have contributed significantly to the city.
- c. Names, other than a person, may reflect a historical event significant to Edmonton.
- d. Names, other than a person, may recognize the flora and fauna of the local area or the geographical or topographical feature of the local area.
- e. Names may be placed on the Names Reserve List for future consideration if they conform to the naming criteria.

3. Principles for Naming

- a. Naming a development area, park, municipal facility, road or honorary road after a person shall be commensurate with the contributions of the person being honored and having regard to the person's achievements or areas of interest.
- b. Preference will be assigned to those names that have been on the Names Reserve List the longest but have not been selected, whenever possible.
- c. Special considerations:
  - i. Development Area:
    - 1. A theme may be assigned to a development area.



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2. Subject to the above, the name of the neighbourhoods within the development area shall be associated with the theme.
  3. The official neighbourhood name may differ from the marketing names of a neighbourhood.
- ii. Parks:
1. There are three levels of parks:
    - a. City Level Park – open space which serves the entire population of Edmonton; shall be named
    - b. District Level Park – open space which services a specific area and includes larger parks, and athletic grounds associated with high schools; shall be named after the development area
    - c. Neighbourhood Level Park – open space which serves a specific area and includes smaller parks, grounds associated with community league sites, grounds associated with elementary schools, and play lots; shall be named:
      - i. Primary Neighbourhood level parks shall be named after the name of the neighbourhood and may include the name of a person; and
      - ii. Secondary Neighbourhood level parks may be named after a person, organization, or geographical feature
  2. The descriptive word “park” shall be assigned to the name of the park.
- iii. Municipal Facilities:
1. May be named after the neighbourhood in which they are located, or otherwise as determined by the Naming Committee.
  2. Stormwater management facilities (wet) shall include the descriptive word “lake” and shall be named after the park where it is situated or adjacent, the neighbourhood in which it is located or after the theme of the development area.
- iv. Components of Municipal Facilities:
1. If the City Manager makes a request, the Committee may assign a name to a component of a municipal facility.
- v. Roads:
1. Roads may be named under the following circumstances:
    - a. Where directional variations of road alignments would create inherent confusion for the delivery of public services; municipal addressing; and the public at large, if the roads were numbered;



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- b. Where the majority of roads are named within the neighbourhood or adjacent neighbourhood; and
    - c. Subject to the above, roads including arterial and major collector roads should be numbered providing the implantation of the grid system in the area can be applied without creating unnecessary confusion.
  - 2. The name of a road shall begin with the first letter of the neighbourhood name or be consistent with the theme of the neighbourhood or development area.
  - 3. In the event that the major collector road is not numbered, it shall be named after the neighbourhood.
  - 4. Roads within the same neighbourhood may bear the same name but with a different descriptive word providing the roads intersect.
  - 5. The City Manager will approve the descriptive word used in conjunction with names.
- vi. Honorary Roads:
  - 1. A road, either whole or in part, may be named in honour of a person.
- vii. Renamed Road:
  - 1. A road, either whole or in part, may be changed from a numbered road to a named road under the following circumstances:
    - a. Where directional variations of road alignments would create inherent confusion for the delivery of public services; municipal addressing; and the public at large; or
    - b. Where the majority of roads are named within the neighbourhood; or
    - c. When civic departments (including the Police Service) request a change from a numbered road to a named road to minimize confusion for the delivery of a public service.
- 4. Principles to Recognize a Former Mayor
  - a. The name of a former Mayor shall be placed on the Names Reserve List within one year from leaving office.
- 5. Principles to Recognize a Former Councillor
  - a. The name of a former Councillor, subject to a naming application being submitted, shall be placed on the Names Reserve List.