



Location:	Committee Room C-10, Tom Davies Square
Commencement:	4:34 PM
Adjournment:	5:39 PM

## Minutes

### For the 4<sup>th</sup> Street Naming Committee Meeting held Monday, April 12, 2010

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<u>Chair</u>	<b><u>COUNCILLOR RIVEST, IN THE CHAIR</u></b>
<u>Present</u>	Councillor Dutrisac; Fern Cormier; Daniel Despatie; Eric Fenton; Rick Sasseville Councillor Callaghan
<u>City Officials</u>	Caroline Hallsworth, Executive Director, Administrative Services; Jamie Canapini, City Solicitor; Angie Haché, City Clerk; Franca Bortolussi, Council Secretary
<u>Declarations of Pecuniary Interest</u>	None declared.

## Public Hearings

- 1 . Report dated April 8, 2010 was received from the Executive Director, Administrative Services regarding Proposed Renaming of the Southerly Segment of Dollard Avenue off Lasalle Boulevard.  
  
Petition in opposition was received signed by 28 Dollard Avenue residents.  
  
Email in opposition dated March 26, 2010 was received from Diane Pinard.  
  
Email in opposition dated March 26, 2010 was received from Gerard & Laurette Foucault.  
  
Email in opposition dated March 26, 2010 was received from John Whalen.  
  
Email in opposition dated March 28, 2010 was received from Carmen Goulet.  
  
Email in opposition dated March 28, 2010 was received from Noel Goulet.  
  
Letter of opposition dated March 28, 2010 was received from Marguerite & Herve Lalande.  
  
Letter of opposition received April 1, 2010 was received from Mary & Leo Carbone.  
  
Letter of opposition dated April 10, 2010 was received from Albertine Pilon at the meeting.

### Opening Remarks

Councillor Rivest welcomed the 23 residents of Dollard Avenue in attendance and explained the purpose of the meeting was to receive their input.

### Councillor Callaghan

Councillor Callaghan, Ward Councillor, indicated that the residents of Dollard Avenue are present and they were shocked to receive a letter from the City about changing the name of the street after sixty years. He further indicated the name has historical significance. He understands the process of submitting a letter requesting a name change but believes there should be a formal process allowing residents to have input. He stated that a change of street name is quite an event for someone who has lived on the street for a lengthy period of time and it is important that Council is aware of the disruption a street name change causes such as changing driver's licences, etc. He feels there should be a better way.

#### Gerard Foucault

Gerard Foucault, area resident, stated that he has been living on Dollard Avenue for 22 years and pointed out some residents have been there for 60 years. He advised that, in the years he has lived there, there has been no confusion. He asked who Germain Lemieux was and was provided with a background of père Germain Lemieux. Mr. Foucault stated there should be some respect for Dollard Jean as he developed the area. Dollard Jean donated land for the school where Centre franco-ontarien de folklore is now located. Also, as the pioneers did not have a church (they used the basement of the school), Dollard Jean donated land so the residents could have a decent church. He stated that Dollard Jean is a historic man and, if there has to be a name change, the other section of Dollard Avenue should be changed or the two sections changed to north and south.

#### Noel Goulet

Noel Goulet, area resident, advised that, in 1953, he was one of the first to build a home on Dollard Avenue. He built his second house on the street in 1967. He stated that the homeowners on the street held a meeting and ninety per cent of the residents are against the street name change. He indicated he and his wife are in their 80's and the thought of changing their address is overwhelming as there is no limit to who has to be notified. He feels that Dollard Jean deserves as much honour as anyone else. He indicated that the young couples on the street are also against the name change as they will have the same problems in changing their addresses. He advised that Dollard Jean donated the land and some of the residents gave their time and effort to build the church. If someone should be recognized, it should be Dollard Jean as he was a good friend. He advised Dollard Jean's wife is still alive and her wishes should be respected.

#### Diane Charette, Centre franco-ontarien de folklore

Diane Charette of Centre franco-ontarien de folklore stated they had motivation to submit the request for a name change to the City and that since there are two sections of Dollard Avenue, their clients have had difficulty in locating the Centre. She indicated that by naming a building, structure or road to honour pioneers, we are celebrating our heritage. She indicated that the Centre is one of the few heritage associations which advocates for the celebration of citizens who have contributed to the development of the community. She outlined in detail the achievements of père Germain Lemieux stating that he is recognized for his contribution to francophones. She indicated they understand the initiative will incur costs for the City as well as the residents. She commended the residents for defending a pioneer; however, indicated that the City requested submissions and they responded, thinking it was a way to recognize a good person.

#### Louise Olivier

Louise Olivier, area resident, advised she has been living on Dollard Avenue for 56 years and many people have lived there longer. Dollard Jean should be recognized for his contribution to the area. She asked who would pay for all the changes to deeds, drivers' licenses, etc. She does not feel she should have to do this or have to move because of the street name change.

#### Carmen Goulet

Carmen Goulet advised that the name change issue has been more than a little upsetting to her, her husband and the residents of Dollard Avenue. She stated that a 'quick fix' is to name one section Dollard Avenue South and the other Dollard Avenue North. She indicated that Dollard Jean was a pioneer and a friend, and his wife, Clementine, is still alive. They feel a personal attachment to the name. She stated that they are stressed and losing sleep over this issue and requested that Dollard Avenue be left as is in recognition of one of Sudbury's early developers.

#### Mary Carbone

Mary Carbone, area resident, indicated she has lived there for 33 years. She has never had any problems and has had to call an ambulance quite often as her husband is not well. She has also never had any problems with deliveries. All she has to say is 'off Lasalle' which she says now anyway. She does not know if anyone recognizes the implications being placed on the residents to change all their

addresses.

Joanne Gervais, Centre franco-ontarien de folklore

Joanne Gervais, former Director of Centre franco-ontarien de folklore, stated she does not think people understand that the name change was not solicited by the Centre. She advised that, if the City is changing the name of the street, they would like a name that means something to the Centre; with no disrespect to Dollard Jean or the neighbours. Their goal was to propose the name if the City was going to change the name of the street.

Councillor Rivest advised the residents of Dollard Avenue that their concerns had been heard and that, once a decision is made; they will be advised of the result.

The following recommendation was presented:

2010-01 Dutrisac-Rivest: THAT the Street Naming Committee review the Street Naming Policy and consider the future use of Cardinal Point designations for non-continuous streets, as for example Dollard Avenue North and Dollard Avenue South.

**CARRIED**

## **Managers' Reports**

- 2 . Report dated April 8, 2010 was received from the Executive Director, Administrative Services regarding Proposed Naming of Laneway in Sudbury.

The following recommendation was presented:

2010-02 Dutrisac-Rivest: THAT the laneway on Plan M-100, north of Ethel Street, east of Tedman Avenue and West of Melvin Street be named ruelle Melanie Lane;

AND THAT the necessary by-law be passed.

**CARRIED**

## **OTHER ITEMS**

### Street Signs

Councillor Rivest requested that the following matters be looked into:

1. On a street sign, the word 'rue' is spelled out in full and the word 'St.' is an abbreviation. He stated that on some street signs there is a period (.) after the word 'rue'. The period should be removed.
2. Certain street names are lengthy and look crammed on street signs. He suggested that after a certain amount of characters, the size of the sign be increased. The Committee was advised that the Traffic & Transportation Division would be notified.

### Adjournment

2010-03 Rivest-Dutrisac: THAT this meeting does now adjourn. Time: 5:39 p.m.

**CARRIED**