



TO:	CHAIR AND MEMBERS CIVIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 9, 2013
FROM:	CATHY SAUNDERS CITY CLERK
SUBJECT	REQUEST FOR NAMING OF QUEEN STREET BRIDGE TO FIELD MARSHAL WOLSELEY BRIDGE

RECOMMENDATION

That, on the recommendation of the City Clerk the following actions be taken with respect to the naming of Queen Street Bridge:

- a) the naming of the Queen Street Bridge to Field Marshal Wolseley Bridge BE APPROVED; and,
- b) the Civic Administration BE AUTHORIZED to make the necessary arrangements for the appropriate recognition with respect to a) above,

PREVIOUS REPORTS PERTINENT TO THIS MATTER
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Item #5 - October 18, 2011 – Community and Neighbourhoods Committee

BACKGROUND

At the October 24, 2011 meeting of Municipal Council, the following resolution was passed:

“The following actions be taken with respect to the renaming of Queen Street Bridge to Wolseley Bridge:

- (a) on the recommendation of the City Clerk, NO ACTION BE TAKEN with respect to the request to rename and dedicate the Quebec Street Bridge to “Wolseley Bridge”; it being noted that there is concern raised by emergency services with respect to the potential confusion with Wolseley Avenue; and,
- (b) the Civic Administration BE REQUESTED to:
 - (i) consult with the appropriate representatives of the Area Support Unit London to investigate a proposed alternative name for the Quebec Street Bridge, that recognizes our military’s past and present in London, and meets the requirements as set out in Council Policy 3(7), entitled “Naming/Renaming or Dedicating of Municipal Property, Buildings and Park Elements”; and,
 - (ii) bring forward the proposed alternative name identified in (b)(i), above, to the appropriate Standing Committee, for consideration, in accordance with the approval process as defined in Policy 3(7). (2011-D17-00/S08-00)”

Subsequent to this direction, the Civic Administration has consulted with the Area Support Unit (ASU) London personnel to determine if an alternative name to the Quebec Street Bridge could be found that would recognize the military’s past and present in London.

The attached (Appendix “A”) documentation, dated December 6, 2012, from Colonel W.J. Aitchison, Colonel of the Regiment, The Royal Canadian Regiment, requests that the Quebec Street Bridge be named “Field Marshal Wolseley Bridge”. This would recognize Field Marshal, Right Honourable Viscount Wolseley of Cairo, KP, GCB, OM, GCMG.

In accordance with Council Policy 3(7), the documentation noted above provides background information concerning the rationale for consideration of the request; biographical information for the named individual; and a letter from the Colonel of the Regiment, The Royal Canadian Regiment, providing support for the proposed name. As well, the supporting document provides information in support of the individual’s contribution to the well-being of London and the history of the area.

As noted, a recommendation that no action be taken with respect to the previous request that the bridge be named “Wolseley Bridge” was approved by Council, as concerns had been raised by emergency services that there may be some confusion with Wolseley Avenue. The Municipal Addressing Advisory Group (MAAG), which includes representatives of emergency services, indicates that there is no concern with the proposal to name the Quebec Street Bridge, to “Field Marshal Wolseley Bridge”

The Transportation Planning and Design Division submitted the attached (Appendix “B”) documentation, dated March 27, 2013, providing support for the request to name the Quebec Street Bridge to “Field Marshal Wolseley Bridge”.

RECOMMENDED BY:
CATHY SAUNDERS CITY CLERK