

District of West Vancouver
POLICY

Title: Street Naming
Division: Planning, Development, and Environment Services
Policy Number: 0090
File Number: 0282-20-0090

1. Purpose

- 1.1. To establish a consistent, coordinated process for naming streets within the District.

2. Scope

- 2.1. This policy applies to all lands within the municipal boundaries of the District.

3. Definitions

- 3.1. **“Council”** means the Council of The Corporation of the District of West Vancouver.
- 3.2. **“District”** means The Corporation of the District of West Vancouver.

4. Policy Statement

- 4.1. The Director, Planning, Development, and Environment Services (the Director) shall be responsible for the coordination of assignment of all street names for the District including consultation with appropriate agencies and departments such as Engineering and Transportation Services, Fire and Rescue Services, and West Vancouver Police.
- 4.2. Streets within the District shall be named rather than numbered.
- 4.3. Streets should have distinctive names, and these should not rhyme nor conflict with other existing names such that they would create confusion for emergency services, or for any other agency (this should include rhyming or conflicts for names within West Vancouver and other municipalities on the North Shore).
- 4.4. The terms **“road”**, **“street”**, **“drive”** and **“way”** shall be used to designate major thoroughfares or connectors.
- 4.5. The terms **“crescent”** and **“wynd”** shall be used to designate one street which, being shaped like a crescent, connects back to that same street or to a second street.
- 4.6. The terms **“place”**, **“court”**, **“close”**, and **“lane”** shall be used to designate minor roads and cul-de-sacs.

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- 4.7. Wherever possible, roads that continue in the same general direction (i.e., “North/South” versus “East/West”) through an intersection, shall remain the same name.
- 4.8. Where possible, recognition of District historical reference shall be taken into consideration and any suggestions from individuals and organizations will be taken under consideration.
- 4.9. In addition to historic reference, consistent area themes will be encouraged wherever possible.
- 4.10. There shall be a maximum of two (2) derivatives of major street names used.
- 4.11. The use of proper names of individuals shall be limited to surnames only and, if intended as recognition of a specific individual, shall only be used *posthumously*, unless otherwise directed by Council.
- 4.12. In the event of an existing street name creating a problem - either for local residents or for emergency services - either party may bring forward a request to the Director responsible for a change in name for that particular street.
- 4.13. After making a recommendation on an appropriate name, the residents affected by such a change will be contacted and their views conveyed to Council along with the recommendation of the Director.
- 4.14. The Director shall forward to Council for approval, all street name requests (including private roads within developments).

5. Approval

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6. Additional Information

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