

City Council**Notice of Motion**

MM48.6	ACTION			Ward:All
--------	--------	--	--	----------

Street Renaming to Celebrate Sir John A. Macdonald - by Councillor Paul Ainslie, seconded by Councillor Michelle Berardinetti

** Notice of this Motion has been given.*

** This Motion is subject to referral to the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee. A two-thirds vote is required to waive referral.*

Recommendations

Councillor Paul Ainslie, seconded by Councillor Michelle Berardinetti, recommends that:

1. City Council request the General Manager, Transportation Services to report to the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee in the second quarter of 2014 on the feasibility of renaming a significant street in the City of Toronto as Sir John A. Macdonald Avenue, to be unveiled on January 11, 2015 in celebration of our first Prime Minister's 200th birthday.

Summary

Canada's first Prime Minister John A. Macdonald will be celebrated across Canada on January 11, 2015 marking his 200th birthday. In commemoration of this event the City of Toronto has an opportunity to explore if a significant street in our downtown core should be renamed Sir John A. Macdonald Avenue as a permanent tribute.

The City of Toronto has celebrated many significant citizens by naming municipal buildings, squares and roads in their honour. With an opportunity at hand to do the same for Sir John A. Macdonald, this would signify his importance in the fabric of our nation and who we are as Canadians.

The City of Toronto, the largest City in Canada, would benefit from taking part to commemorate the 200th birthday of Canada's first Prime Minister. A handful of cities have already renamed a street in his honour including Kingston, Saskatoon, and Ottawa. The City of Toronto's intention to mark the event may encourage other large Canadian cities to do the same.

(Submitted to City Council on February 19 and 20, 2014 as MM48.6)

Background Information (City Council)

Member Motion MM48.6

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2014/mm/bgrd/backgroundfile-66926.pdf>