

A road to reconciliation

Major roadway renamed Maskēkosihk Trail

Enoch Cree Nation and the City of Edmonton jointly announced the renaming of 23rd Avenue between 215 Street and Anthony Henday to [Maskēkosihk Trail](#) (pronounced 'Muss-Kay-Go-See').

"In recognition of renewed relationships based on respect and cooperation, the renaming of this roadway celebrates Indigenous culture within and beyond Edmonton's city limits," said Mayor Don Iveson. "I am honoured to be part of this significant announcement as a shared effort towards reconciliation."

The area between 184 Street and 23 Avenue has served as a gathering place for Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples for generations. Sharing a border, Enoch and Edmonton also share a dedication to reconciliation.

"The strength of our First Peoples lies in our culture and language. I thank the City of Edmonton for helping us renew that strength to be better partners in the future of the Edmonton Metropolitan Region," said Chief Billy Morin of Enoch Cree Nation. "The naming of this roadway to Maskēkosihk Trail serves notice that Edmonton is committed to renewed relationships with the First Peoples of this land. In this time of reconciliation - Enoch Cree Nation is committed to mamawihkamatowin (working together)."

Maskēkosihk is the Plains Cree name that refers to the land location of Enoch Cree Nation and is a derivative of Maskēkosak (pronounced 'Muss-Kay-Go-Suk') meaning "people of the land of medicine." The 184th Street to 23rd Avenue roadway is situated within traditional Enoch Cree Nation territory and will serve as a highly visible entryway into Enoch Cree Nation's lands.

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