

## NAMING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Wednesday, February 15, 2006

### MEMBERS:

Mrs. Debbie Cavaliere, Citizen at Large  
Mrs. Carole-Anne Brown, Citizen at Large  
Mr. Don Fleming, Citizen at Large  
Mr. Don Handa, Citizen at Large  
Ms. Audrey Tosh, Citizen at Large  
Mr. Bert Yeudall, Edmonton Historical Board  
Ms. Donna Zimmer, Citizen at Large

### PRESENT:

Debbie Cavaliere  
Carole-Anne Brown  
Don Handa  
Audrey Tosh  
Bert Yeudall  
Donna Zimmer

### ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Ms. Jennifer Labbe, Planning and Development Department

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**CALL TO ORDER:** 5:30 p.m.

### ADOPTION OF AGENDA

**Motion:** Brown, Handa

That the Naming Committee Agenda for February 15, 2006 meeting be adopted.

**For the Motion:** Cavaliere, Brown, Handa, Tosh, Yeudall, Zimmer

*Carried unanimously*

### ADOPTION OF MINUTES

**Motion:** Tosh, Handa

That the Naming Committee Minutes for January 18, 2006 meeting be adopted.

**For the Motion:** Cavaliere, Brown, Handa, Tosh, Yeudall, Zimmer

*Carried unanimously*

### OLD BUSINESS

Naming Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
February 15, 2006

**1. Request to name Beverly Heights Park Site in honour of John J. Olynk.**

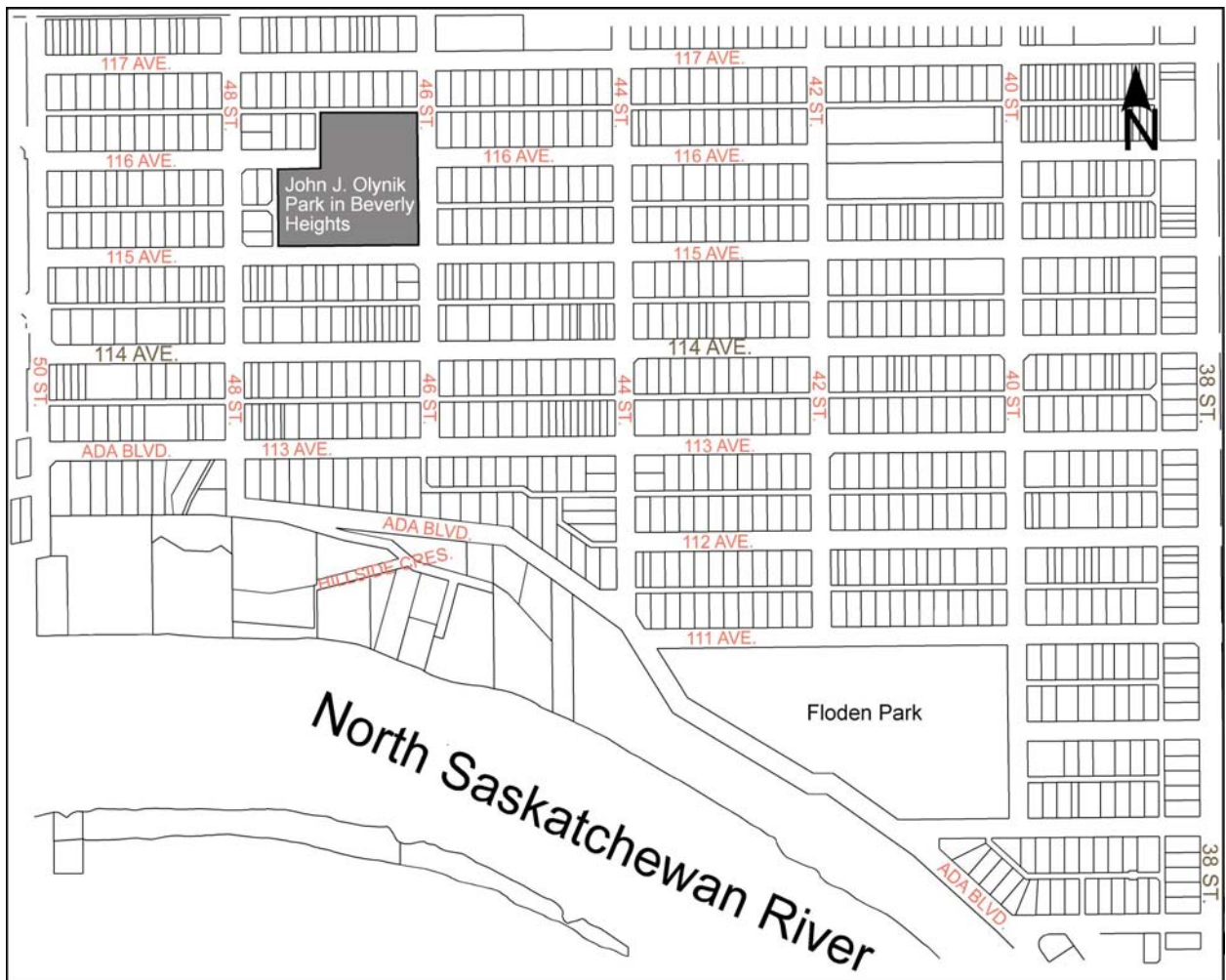
**Motion:** Tosh, Brown

That the Naming committee approves naming a park located in Beverly Heights as “John J. Olynk Park in Beverly Heights.” The recommendation complies with Section 3.05 of City Policy C509 which states the following:

*The name of a person or a name other than a person, not identified on the “Names Reserve List” may be assigned to a development area, park, municipal facility, road or an honorary road when unique or extenuating circumstances warrant.*

**For the Motion:** Cavaliere, Brown, Handa, Tosh, Yeudall, Zimmer

*Carried unanimously*



**NEW BUSINESS**

## 2. Request to name roads located in the Mactaggart Neighbourhood.

**Motion:** Tosh, Zimmer

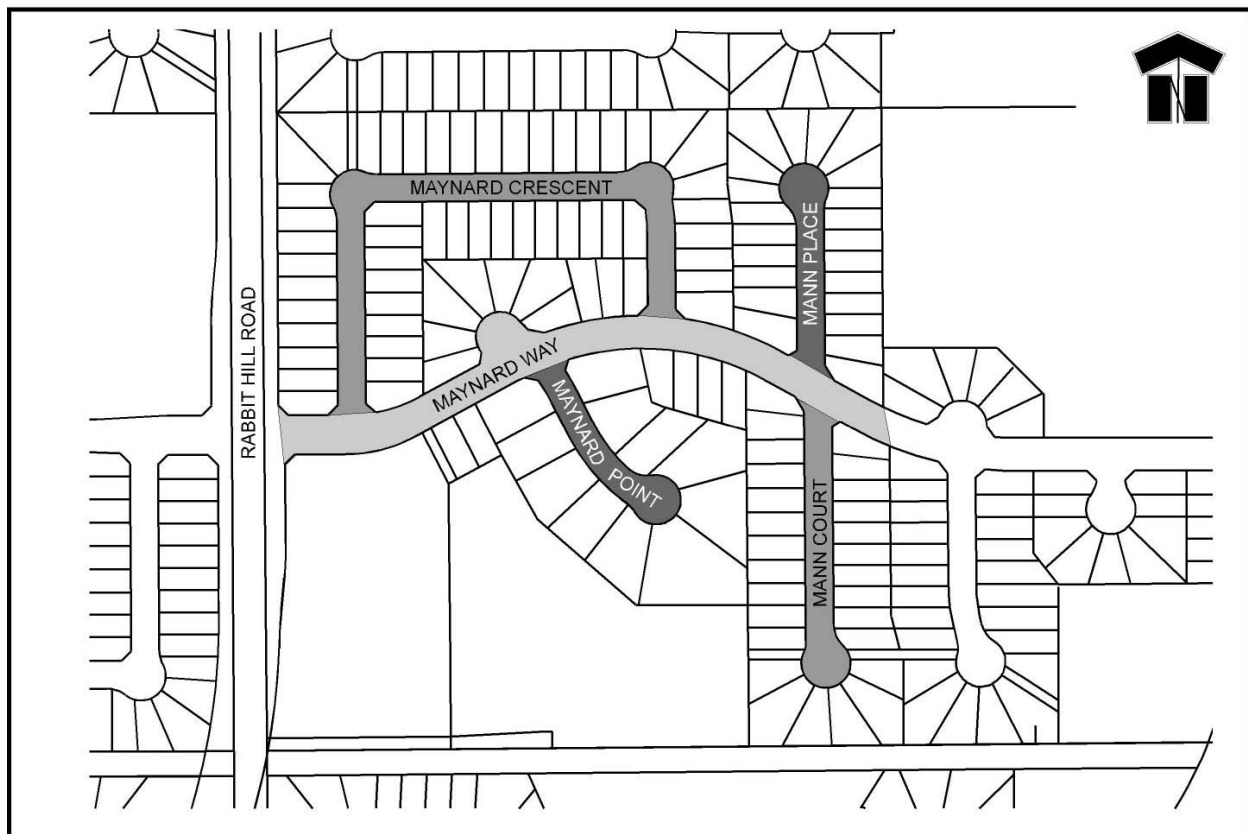
That the Naming Committee approves naming roads located in Mactaggart as “Maynard Crescent,” “Maynard Way,” “Maynard Point,” “Mann Court,” and “Mann Place.” The recommendation complies with Section 8.01 (a) & (b) of City Policy C509 which state the following:

*Where directional variations of road alignments would create inherent confusion for the delivery of public services; municipal addressing; and the public at large, if the roads were numbered;*

*Where the majority of roads are named within the neighbourhood or adjacent neighbourhood.*

For the Motion: Cavaliere, Brown, Handa, Tosh, Yeudall, Zimmer

*Carried unanimously*



## Approved Street Naming in Mactaggart

## 3. Request to name roads located in the Ambleside Neighbourhood.

**Motion:** Tosh, Brown

That the Administration contact the Applicant to provide more context for road naming within the Ambleside Neighbourhood.

For the Motion: Cavaliere, Brown, Handa, Tosh, Yeudall, Zimmer

*Carried unanimously*

**4. Review of the City Procedure for Naming Development Areas, Parks, Municipal Facilities, Roads and Honourary Roads be adopted.**

**Motion:** Zimmer, Brown

That the Naming Committee adopt the City Procedure for Naming Development Areas, Parks, Municipal Facilities, Roads and Honourary Roads

**For the Motion:** Cavaliere, Brown, Handa, Tosh, Yeudall, Zimmer

*Carried unanimously*

**Debbie Cavaliere hands Chair over to Carole-Anne Brown.**

**5. Discuss the naming of arterial roads located within the Heritage Valley area.**

**Motion:** Cavaliere, Tosh

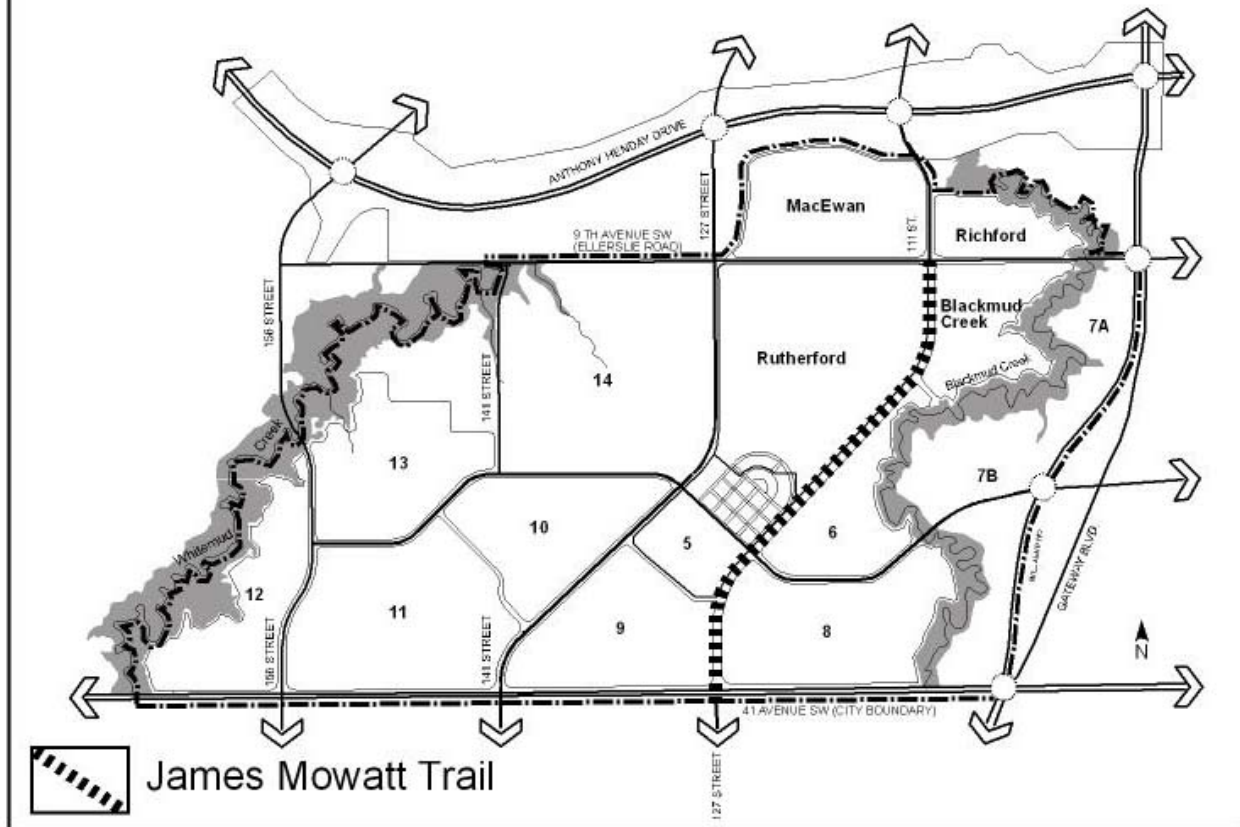
That the east arterial road that runs north south located within the Heritage Valley Area be named “James Mowatt Trail.”

**For the Motion:** Cavaliere, Brown, Handa, Tosh, Yeudall, Zimmer

*Carried unanimously*

**Carole-Anne Brown hands Chair back to Debbie Cavaliere.**

# Heritage Valley Area



## Biography

MOWATT, James (*written by Alex Mair – City Lights 1993*)

There is a story in Edmonton's history which has all the elements of a wonderful play. It has drama, mystery, humour, danger, and incredible physical endurance. It is the story of a young man called James Mowatt and his epic ride to Calgary seeking help for a besieged Edmonton. The surprising thing about it is that very few Edmontonians have ever heard of James Mowatt or his ride.

In 1993, the whole incident would have been cleared up by making a telephone call, but in 1885, it didn't work that way. You could place a call to St. Albert, but beyond that you were dependant on the news from the rest of the world by telegraph or by word of mouth through travellers.

And the new that spring of 1885, was all bad as far as peace in this part of the world was concerned. There was a tremendous amount of unrest among the Indians of the west and the unrest took the shape of a major rebellion, led by Louis Riel, who had been called back from exile for just that reason. Frank Oliver wrote, on March 27, 1885, that he had walked from his newspaper office near where the Edmonton Convention Centre sits today westward to reach

Norris and Carey's store just past 109 Street. While he was walking he could hear the sound of the native's drums sounding through the darkness. He took this to be a sign that there was no need for panic. Prior to a battle, it had been the practice of the natives to move their families to an area free of trouble before the trouble started.

The following morning there wasn't a tent in sight. The Indians had vanished.

The people in and around Fort Edmonton felt they were in real danger. There were a few members of the North West Mounted Police stationed at Fort Edmonton, but the main body of the NWMP was based on Fort Saskatchewan, under the command of Major Griesbach. The telegraph brought news of the Frog Lake Massacre and painted a word picture of the angry natives working their way towards Edmonton. Then the line went dead. It had been cut somewhere east of the Fort. Then a telephone call from St. Albert advised the people of Fort Edmonton that 1500 Indians had attacked Fort Saskatchewan and were headed for Edmonton. A meeting was held in Luke Kelly's saloon, and the decision was taken to send a rider to Calgary with a plea for armed help.

The plans for the defense of Edmonton are well documented in the newspapers and reports of the time, but one chapter in the story is often overlooked, the story of James Mowatt.

Saturday April 8, it all came to a head. The report of the attack on Fort Saskatchewan was totally unfounded, but the people preparing for the worst at Fort Edmonton had now way of knowing that. The telegraph line to the east was still down, and the only source of armed support was at Calgary. The only way to get a request for help to Calgary was in the form of a dispatch taken by a good man on a fast horse. The good man was James Mowatt and the fast horse was replaced by others horses as Mowatt made his way south. He started his long ride on the night of April 8 with a message to General Strange in Calgary.

Mowatt knew that his route would take him through territory held by six separate tribes, and each of them, presumably, was in favour of the rebellion and would not look kindly on a dispatch rider going for help as he rode through their reserves.

Mowatt planned his trip so that it would take him through the various reserves in the darkness of a prairie night. And by riding hard for 36 hours, James Mowatt reached Calgary and handed the dispatch to General Strange. It was noon, April 10. A telegram from Calgary was sent to General Middleton. Middleton responded quickly, ordering troops to be dispatched to Edmonton. Strange sent what he could, a unit of 20 men under the command of General Sam Steele.

In the meantime, James Mowatt acquired another horse, saddled up, and headed right back to Edmonton, bearing the news that help was on the way.

Steele and his men reached Fort Edmonton on May 1, and by this time the picture had become much clearer and Edmonton knew that the danger was over. They were still glad to see Steele and his men riding down the old Fort Hill, towards the ferry. In honour of the occasion a two

gun salute was fired by the defenders of Fort Edmonton using the brass cannons that were part of the Fort's defense system.

**6. Discuss the naming of a collector road located within the neighbourhoods Schonsee, Crystalina Nera and Joviz.**

The Naming Committee directs the Administration to research appropriate names that will be discussed at the next Naming Committee meeting.

**NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT**

The next meeting is scheduled for March 15, 2005.

**Adjournment: 8:15 p.m.**