

Report

City of Merritt
REGULAR Council Meeting
March 25, 2025

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To: Mayor and Council
From: Rick Green, Director of Engineering & Public Works
Date: March 18, 2025
Subject: Park & Park Access Road Naming

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council directs administration to name the new road leading to the new park dedication at 1227 Midday Valley Road as Newman Parkway;

Background:

The City of Merritt Street Naming and Addressing Policy requires that roads are named consistent with the Policy Map that indicates road in Area B, that is generally upland of the Nicola River and West of Boyd Road on the bench, be named after indigenous flora and fauna, while roads in Area A, which is most of the City, be named after former elected municipal officials.

The City has an opportunity, with a new unique road setting, to establish a namesake for Councillor Newman who was tragically taken from the community early in her time serving as a Councillor for the City of Merritt.

Options / discussion

The idea was established after hearing that Council expressed interest in some form of recognition for Councillor Newman as part of this council term. This particular new road segment leads to a well-known recreational area (Windy Canyon) and some newly dedicated park space that came about as a result of new subdivision work in Collettsville.

Other compilations of name have been considered including Claire Newman Road and Newman Road. Council is encouraged to put their own spin on this naming activity over the suggested option in the motion.

Financial / Risk Implications:

Costs are covered in existing budget and staff time as an operational expense. This is a one-time cost that is required to name the road regardless of this decision.

There are no anticipated financial risks associated with this request.

Strategic Plan Reference:

None

Others Consulted:

None

Attachments:

Map

Respectfully submitted,

**Rick Green
Director of Public Works and Engineering Services**