



COMMON COUNCIL REPORT

M&C No.	2025-193
Report Date	July 22, 2025
Meeting Date	July 28, 2025
Service Area	Utilities and Infrastructure Services

Her Worship Mayor Donna Noade Reardon and Members of Common Council

SUBJECT: Street Naming – Roxbury Drive Developments

AUTHORIZATION

Primary Author	Commissioner/Dept. Head	Chief Administrative Officer
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RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Common Council amend the list of Official Street Names and approve the following changes:

1. Add the name "terrasse Marion Jack Terrace".
2. Add the name "terrasse Anne Chisholm Terrace".

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

An application for a new development off Roxbury Drive, consisting of two multi-unit residential buildings, has been approved. Due to the number of unique civic addresses required for each building, official street names are needed to meet NB 9-1-1 civic addressing guidelines.

In accordance with the City of Saint John's Street and Public Space Naming Policy, the developer was asked to propose names for the new accesses. The proposed names, "terrasse Marion Jack Terrace" and "terrasse Anne Chisholm Terrace", have been reviewed and meet NB 9-1-1 guidelines, making them acceptable.

PREVIOUS RESOLUTION

None.



REPORT

An application for a new development off Roxbury Drive, consisting of two 20-unit stacked townhouse buildings, has been approved. Due to the number of unique civic addresses required for each building, official street names are needed to meet NB 9-1-1 civic addressing guidelines.

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Background

"Marion Jack was born on 1 December 1866 in Saint John, New Brunswick, into a prominent family. She received much of her education in England and France, where she studied art. Painting landscapes was her field of specialty. She first learned of the Bahá'í Faith at a social gathering during her student days in Paris. From that time on, she dedicated her life to serving that Faith. She spent some time in Acre, Israel, (then part of the Ottoman Empire) and, in 1908, taught English to 'Abdu'l-Bahá's grandchildren. She continued to paint while she was there.

By 1914 she had returned to North America; she traveled to Alaska, Ontario, Quebec and many other places in North America to share the teachings of the Bahá'í Faith. "Jackie," as she was affectionately called, was completely comfortable with young and old alike and was loved wherever she went, drawing everyone to her and to each other through her faith, love and devotion.

Marion Jack returned to Haifa in 1930 and, following this visit, moved to Sofia, Bulgaria, where she spent the remainder of her life. In Sofia, she held frequent meetings that were well attended by people of prominence and capacity. As World War II approached and all who could flee the country did so, Shoghi Effendi, the Guardian of the Bahá'í Faith, suggested that she go to Switzerland or some other safe country. She pleaded to be allowed to stay at her post, preferring, as she put it, to "remain at the switch." Living on a small pension, which did not always reach her, suffering serious deprivation, ageing and in poor health, she stayed at her post.

For the duration of World War II, and especially after Sofia fell behind the Soviet Iron Curtain, Marion Jack displayed constancy, fearlessness and self-abnegation by remaining in Sofia and contributing to the development of the Bahá'í Faith in Bulgaria. Despite living in poverty, with an enlarged heart and many other ailments, exposed to the misery of a nation torn by war, and friends pleading with her to leave, Marion Jack remained in that country for more than 20 years, until her passing on 25 March 1954.

It was not without cause that 'Abdu'l-Bahá called her "General Jack."" (Source: <https://www.bahai.ca/en/who-we-are/canadian-origins/early-canadian-bahais/m-jack/>)



“The staunch and energetic Anne Chisholm lived in Saint John during the 1970s and 1980s. This retired nurse hitchhiked through towns and rural outposts, joyfully advocating for the oneness of humankind. Accompanied everywhere she went with her French poodle Mindy and her favourite book about the British Royal Family, her warm smile lit up strangers’ hearts. She had boundless energy that belied her age opening hearts to hope. She believed that world peace was not only possible, but inevitable. Her devotion to improving the lives of her fellow men was not for recognition, but for her love of humanity. Although her purse was not filled with much money, her generosity of spirit was unmatched. She has left behind a trail of kindness and inspiration that still lingers in the memories of those she met.”

(Source: Ali Farahani, Principal, Building Prosperity Inc.)

STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT

Ensuring street names meet NB 9-1-1 guidelines aligns directly with Council’s “Vibrant, Safe City” priority.

SERVICE AND FINANCIAL OUTCOMES

The costs to the City of Saint John for this are approximately \$795 associated with installing the new street name signs at the intersections with Roxbury Drive.

INPUT FROM OTHER SERVICE AREAS

Name of Service Area/Stakeholder	Name of Staff Person
Public Works and Transportation Services	Tim O’Reilly

Public Works and Transportation Services were consulted and will cover the new street name sign costs from their operating budget.

ATTACHMENTS

Schedule A: terrasse Marion Jack Terrace & terrasse Ann Chisholm Terrace

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