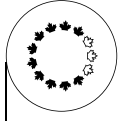


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 NATIONAL CAPITAL COMMISSION COMMISSION DE LA CAPITALE NATIONALE		No.	2022-C20
		To	Board
For	DECISION	Date	2022-10-04
Subject/Title			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Renaming Nepean Point 			
Summary			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This submission seeks approval to rename Nepean Point and name the new pedestrian bridge (connecting Major Hill Park to Nepean Point) with Indigenous names selected by the Nepean Point Naming Working Group (composed of Algonquin and NCC representatives) established for this purpose. The recommended names are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nepean Point: Kiweki Point; meaning returning to one's homeland Foot bridge: Pidàban; meaning dawn The names selected for Nepean Point are in line with the Interpretation Plan for the site. The names offer the opportunity to highlight Algonquin voices, showcase elements of Algonquin culture and language, and overall align with the Government of Canada's reconciliation agenda. 			
Risk Summary			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Main risks relate to potential public misperception related to the process undertaken to select names for recommendation. Information on the process and selected names will be shared with the public. 			
Recommendation			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> That the new recommended names for Nepean Point and the foot bridge be approved. 			

Submitted by:

Véronique de Pasille, VP, PLCA

Signature

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1. Strategic Priorities

- Plan for Canada's Capital 2017-2067
 - The NCC will contribute to the recognition of Indigenous peoples in the toponymy of the region [...].
- Corporate Plan - Strategic Directions, 2021-2022 and 2022-2023
 - Foster an inclusive and meaningful National Capital Region of national significance reflective of all Canadians, including Indigenous peoples, and all levels of government.
- Corporate Plan – Corporate priority 3 - 2022-2023
 - Ensure that inclusiveness and the richness of Canada's diversity are reflected in the stewardship of NCC assets and the development of its workforce.

2. Authority

- *National Capital Act*, s. 10(2) (c)(d)(i)

3. Context

- The Nepean Point site is being re-developed. Engagement with the Algonquin Nation, via the communities of Pikwakanagan and Kitigan Zibi Anishinabeg, was conducted to support the redevelopment of Nepean Point and its Interpretation Plan.
- Much conversation occurred at the onset of engagement: Algonquin representatives provided feedback on the site interpretation, the desirability of renaming the park and the location of the Champlain Monument.
- In October 2021, the NCC sent correspondence to the Chiefs of both communities, to respond to the general feedback received. The letter confirmed the direction for Nepean Point, including: "the NCC's strong desire to change the name of the park in consultation with our Algonquin partners." As such, a dedicated working group, composed of Algonquin representatives and NCC employees, was formed to fulfill this direction.
- In parallel, during the Fall 2021 Board Retreat, NCC management was asked to explore avenues to modernize its Toponymy Policy. The toponymy policy was presented to the Board in April 2022. The Advisory Committee on Toponymy (ACT) membership was finalised in August 2022, and their first meeting was held on September 13, 2022.
- The NCC approached the renaming of Nepean Point in a parallel stream to the toponymy policy, to allow both initiatives to move forward in a timely manner.

4. Options Analysis

- There are two options with this submission:

1. *Accept the recommended names provided by the Working Group established for this purpose (approve the submission) - Recommended*

Pros:

- Fulfill the commitment made to the Algonquin Communities, as outlined in the CEO letter of October 2021; and
- Ensure that the timelines for the redevelopment of Nepean Point are followed.

Cons:

- It could be perceived that this approach evaded the Toponymy Policy.
 - The public and stakeholders may indicate that they were not consulted in the process and were not provided opportunities for input towards the name selection.
- This option does not have immediate resource implication as the process to select and recommend names is completed. Costs for signage and communication of the names are accounted for within the Nepean Point re-development project.

2. *Decline the recommended names provided by the Working Group (reject the submission) and refer the matter to the Advisory Committee on Toponymy.*

Pros:

- This option would be consistent with the Toponymy Policy and its process.

Cons:

- This option would have a significant impact on the timelines tied to the Nepean Point redevelopment, as the process to potentially rename Nepean Point would re-start. Further, the timing would be unknown as the Advisory Committee on Toponymy is reviewing the Sir John A. Macdonald (SJAM) Parkway name as the first item under the Toponymy Policy.
- This option could be perceived by the Algonquin Nation that the NCC questions the validity of the process that was undertaken specifically for this purpose.
- This option would increase costs, as the matter would be referred to the Advisory Committee on Toponymy.

5. Financial Details

- The NCC has a dedicated budget assigned for panels and communication related to the redeveloped Nepean Point site. This includes panels and communication of the new names for the site.

6. Opportunities and Expected Results

- The redevelopment of the Nepean Point site provided an opportunity for the NCC to deliver concrete results that support reconciliation. Confirming the selected Indigenous names would show that the NCC is contributing to the Culture and

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Language theme contained in the Truth and Reconciliation Commission Calls to Action.

- The selected names provide the opportunity to include Indigenous voices and cultural references. More specifically, the inclusion of Algonquin culture and language acknowledges the Host Nation of the National Capital Region.
- Moving forward with the selected Indigenous names would signal to the Algonquin Nation that the NCC values its relationship with the Nation and would confirm the NCC's commitment to contribute to the recognition of Indigenous Peoples, particularly the Algonquin Nation as the Host Nation of the National Capital Region.
- Furthermore, the selected Indigenous names provides a unique opportunity for Canadians visiting the site to learn more about the Algonquin Nation.

7. Risks and Mitigation Measures

- Naming process risks mostly relate to public perceptions towards the process. Below is a breakdown of main risks associated with this submission.

Risk	Likelihood	Impact	Planned Response
Public perception that this naming exercise evaded the toponymy policy	Medium	Low	Information on this naming exercise will be provided to the Advisory Committee on Toponymy. Messages will be shared with the public explaining that this process was underway prior to the approval of the policy.
Public and stakeholders may question that they were not consulted or specifically engaged in the name selection process	Low	Low	The public and stakeholders have been engaged since the onset of the Nepean Point redevelopment project. Their input helped defined a vision and design for the site. The feedback was used and included when the design competition was launched.
Moving away from the recommendation may send a signal to the Algonquin Nation that the NCC questions the	Medium	Medium	It is recommended to approve the submission. Should approval not be granted, a strong rationale should be provided.

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process used to select names			
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8. Consultations and Communications

- The communities of Kitigan Zibi Anishinabeg and Pikwakanagan were consulted. There is support at the community level for the name that have been recommended.

9. Next Steps

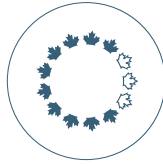
- If approved, a letter will be drafted and sent to the Chiefs of the communities of Pikwakanagan and Kitigan Zibi Anishinabeg to thank them for their collaboration in this process and confirming the names were approved.
- If approved, the NCC will ensure that the names are communicated to the public, with appropriate timing.

10. List of Appendices

- Annex 1: Letter sent by CEO to Chiefs of communities of Kitigan Zibi Anishinabeg and Pikwakangan
- Annex 2: Membership of working group established to rename Nepean Point
- Annex 3: Framework documents: categories of names and principles relied upon by the Working Group to select recommended names for Nepean Point and the foot bridge.

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October 13, 2021

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Kwey Chief,

I wanted to begin by offering you my sincere condolences on the passing of John Boudrias, Grand Chief of the Algonquin Anishinabeg Nation Tribal Council. I had occasion to speak with John not long after his election and found him to be a very passionate and collaborative person.

I am writing to you to follow up on the future of Nepean Point. This project was the topic of numerous productive conversations with your community over the past years. More recently, the NCC convened a working group composed of representatives from Kitigan Zibi Anishinabeg and the Algonquins of Pikwakanagan First Nation. Feedback was received through this process with regard to site interpretation, the desirability of renaming the park and the location of the Champlain monument. I would like to provide you with an update that I believe both respects your feedback and the importance of reconciliation as a guiding principle for this project.

As concerns site interpretation, we wish to ensure that all interpretive elements on the site incorporate Algonquin perspectives. We intend to continue to consult with Kitigan Zibi and Pikwakanagan through the established working group to seek views and feedback on draft interpretive elements as they develop.

Second, I wish to communicate the NCC's strong desire to change the name of the park in consultation with our Algonquin partners. Sir Evan Nepean, for whom the park was named, was a late 18th century British military officer, administrator and politician with tenuous connections to the area. We believe it would be much more

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fitting to consider alternative names, such as those that draw on Algonquin history and the unique geography of the park sitting above the river.

Third, as a result of our consultation with you, including the site visit earlier this year, I wanted to inform you that we have re-considered the proposed location of the Champlain monument. I have directed the project team to find an alternative site in the park that is no longer at the apex. Furthermore, the monument will no longer sit atop the 5 m granite base on which it currently sits but will be reduced in height so as not to dominate the site. Lastly, we believe there is an excellent opportunity to include interpretation of the monument that incorporates Algonquin and other First Nations' perspectives on both Champlain and his legacy as well as explains the reasons for the monument's re-location.

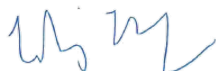
We would like to re-convene the working group shortly in order to develop these three elements in concert with you. Our objective would be to finalize these elements over the course of the next six months in time for us to seek approval in Spring 2022 from our Board of Directors to ensure these changes can be incorporated into the construction schedule.

I believe that the redevelopment of a - soon to be renamed - Nepean Point is a unique opportunity for collaboration between the NCC and the Algonquin Nation. I want to thank you for the time and effort you invested in providing your thoughts on the project – contributions that have resulted in significant changes to our approach.

My office will be reaching out to yours shortly to schedule a conversation in case you have any questions on our proposed direction as outlined in this letter.

For your information, I have sent a similar letter to Chief Dylan Whiteduck, Kitigan Zibi Anishinabeg First Nation.

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A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Tobi Nussbaum'.

Tobi Nussbaum
Chief Executive Officer

**Working Group Membership
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Categories of Names

Historical/Patrimonial

Name after a place, event or cultural aspect of significance



Guiding questions:

- Does the name refer to a particular cultural or historical element of the Algonquin Nation?
- Is the particular cultural or historical element known and accepted by KZA and AOPFN?
- Is the name significant and meaningful for KZA and AOPFN?

Honorific

Name after a person or group of persons that made substantial contribution



Guiding questions:

- Did the person/group of persons made substantial contribution for KZA and AOPFN?
- Is there enough information to understand the substantial contribution of the person/group of persons?

Indigenous

Name that reflects the connection between the land and a place; supports the transfer of stories, culture and belief systems across generations



Guiding questions:

- Does the area carry a traditional Algonquin name?
- Does the name supports Algonquin culture and identity?
- Does the name carry the same significance for KZA and AOPFN?

Natural/Landscape features

Name after a specific natural feature such as flora, fauna, or elements of a landscape



Guiding questions:

- Is the natural feature unique and meaningful for KZA and AOPFN?

Principles for Name Consideration

Consensus

Guiding Questions

- Were KZA and AOPFN representatives' views included and considered in the discussion?
- Would both KZA and AOPFN support the proposed name?

Meaningfulness

Guiding Questions

- Do both KZA and AOPFN attribute the same meaning to the proposed name?
- Is that meaning important for the Algonquin Nation?
- Does the name communicate something that would otherwise not be expressed?

Significance

Guiding Questions

- Do both KZA and AOPFN see the proposed name as important?
- Do both KZA and AOPFN feel like the name reflects Algonquin values?
- Do both KZA and AOPFN view the name as tied to their unique culture or cultural practices?