

Planning & Development Report to
Calgary Planning Commission
2019 December 19

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CPC2019-1547

Proposed Street Name Change in Scenic Acres (Ward 1) from Unnamed Access Road to Shriners Road NW, SN2019-0011

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

A request to name an unnamed access road to “Shriners Road” NW was submitted by the Al Azhar Shriners on October 16, 2019.

The access road has been used to reach the Al Azhar Shriners property located at 5151 - 101 Street NW for over 40 years.

ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATION:

That Calgary Planning Commission recommend that Council:

1. **ADOPT**, by Resolution, the proposed street name change from Unnamed Access Road to Shriners Road NW.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL DIRECTION / POLICY

None.

BACKGROUND

The Al Azhar Shriners have requested The City of Calgary name the access road that has been used to access their property for over 40 years.

Access to the Shriners site, located at 5151 - 101 Street NW, is obtained by turning west off of 85 Street NW and travelling along an access road that is north of Scenic Bow Road, south of the CPR tracks and, at one point, under Stoney Trail NW. Refer to the photos in Attachments 1-5.

The City recently acquired the easterly portion of the access road, and a road plan, 191 1198, has been registered for that portion (Attachment 6). The remaining portion of the access road runs through lands owned by the Province of Alberta. Stoney Trail is constructed over one portion of the access road (see photo in Attachment 7). There is a registered access easement on the lands owned by The Province to permit access to the Al Azhar lands. Alberta Infrastructure has provided a letter stating they have no objection to naming the access road Shriners Road NW.

The access road terminates at 101 Street NW (Attachment 8). Administration suggested the name of 101 Street NW be changed to Shriners Way as well, but the applicant declined that suggestion.

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The applicant has provided the following information:

“We would like to commemorate the huge amount of work done by generations of Shriners to help sick children at our hospitals and our ongoing presence in Calgary for the last 113 years, by naming the unnamed road “Shriners Road”. The Shriners were established in 1905 here in Calgary, the same year that the Province of Alberta came into existence, and we are here to this day. 2022 will be the 100th Anniversary of the establishment of our first Children’s Hospital in Shreveport, Louisiana. We now have 22 hospitals in Canada, Mexico and the USA.”

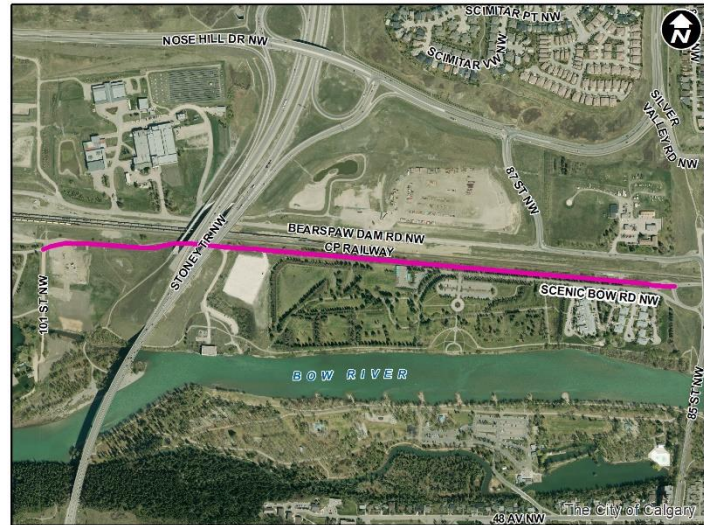
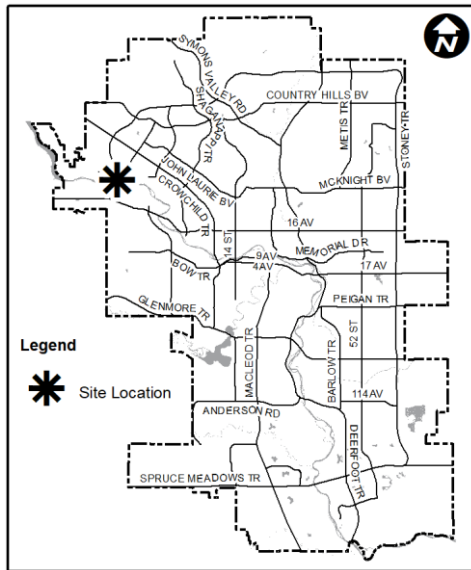
The proposed street name complies with the *Municipal Naming, Sponsorship and Naming Rights Policy*, as the Shriners have been part of the Calgary community since 1905 and the proposed “Shriners Road NW” leads to the Shriners Centre which has been located at that site since 1954.

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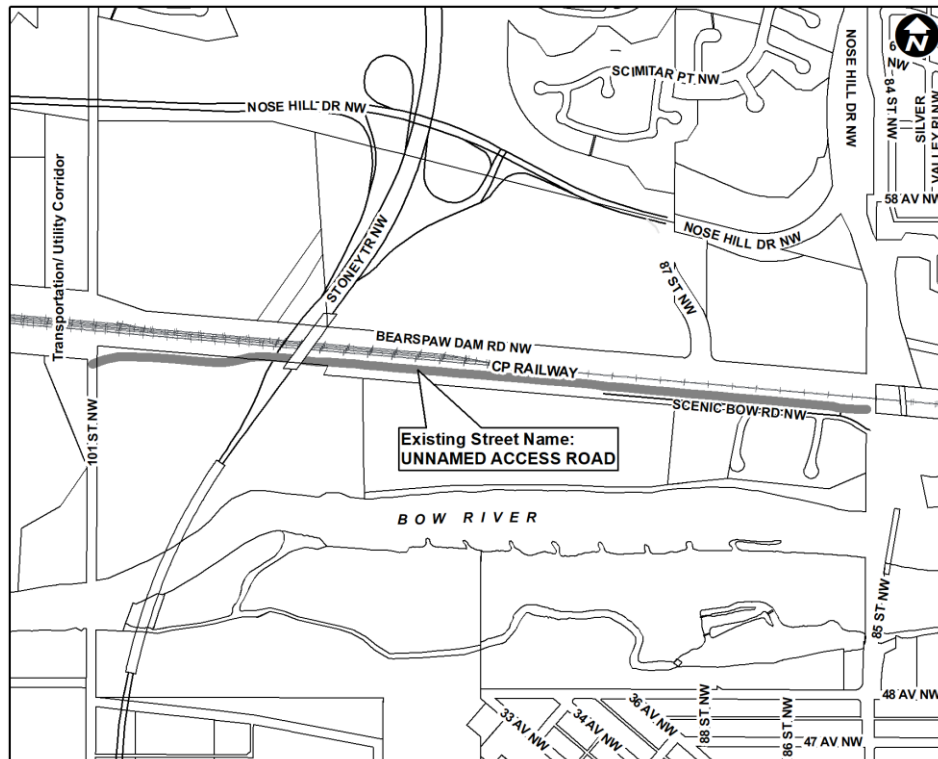
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Location Maps

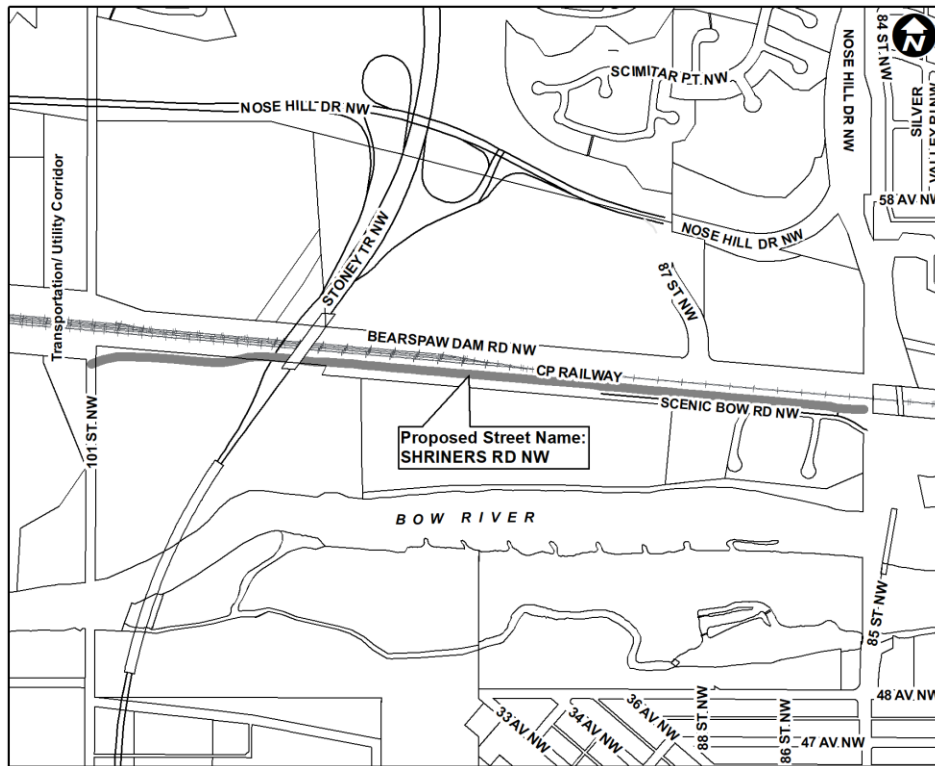


Existing street name:



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Proposed street name:



Site Context

The access road is located west of 85 Street NW, south of the CP Rail tracks and north of Scenic Bow Road NW. Scenic Bow Road NW runs parallel to the access road but terminates west of Baker Park, at the City of Calgary Parks Depot. A row of trees separates the access road from Scenic Bow Road.

INVESTIGATION: ALTERNATIVES AND ANALYSIS

Stakeholder Engagement, Research and Communication

This application was circulated to various City of Calgary business units, Alberta Infrastructure and related agencies for review. No objections were received.

Strategic Alignment

The proposed street name conforms to the *Municipal Naming, Sponsorship and Naming Rights Policy*, as the Shriners have been part of the Calgary community for many years.

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Social, Environmental, Economic (External)

As per the *Municipal Naming, Sponsorship and Naming Rights Policy*, municipal naming plays an important role in simple and unambiguous identification of location and navigation within the City.

Financial Capacity

Current and Future Operating Budget

Roads will invoice the applicant for the cost of preparation and installation of the new sign posts and sign blades.

Current and Future Capital Budget

There are no impacts to the current or future capital budgets.

Risk Assessment

No risks have been identified.

REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION:

Administration recommends approval of the street name change, as identification of the access road will be helpful to people who require access to the Shriners property and the proposed street name is in alignment with the *Municipal Naming, Sponsorship and Naming Rights Policy*.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Split Road
2. Directional Signage
3. Shriner Directional Signage
4. Shriner Sign
5. Along Train Tracks
6. Road Plan 1911198
7. Under Stoney Trail
8. Shriner Entrance