



Municipal Naming Committee
The City of Calgary
PO Box 2100, Stn M
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February 27, 2015

Re: Calgary Poet Laureate Laneway Naming Project

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to confirm the support of Calgary Arts Development for the Laneway Naming Project spearheaded by Poet Laureate Derek Beaulieu.

Calgary Arts Development believes that stronger arts make a better city and believe that programs like the Calgary Poet Laureate provide access and opportunity for all Calgarians to experience the rich talents of our artist citizens. The Poet Laureate is an honorary position and an ambassador for Calgary's creative capacity and ingenuity to those in our city and beyond. The Laneway Naming Project proposed by Derek is a wonderful initiative that elevates writers of prominence in the Canadian literary field to be celebrated in the city where they lived and created their written work.

The Poet Laureate program is funded by private sector partners, whose generous contributions provide the position's honorarium and funds for each Poet Laureate to pursue a legacy project. Calgary Arts Development administers the Poet Laureate funds and will be responsible for covering all costs associated with the creation and installation of signage for the proposed laneways.

Thank you for considering this request to honour writers who have inspired our country with their prose.

Sincerely,

Patti Pon
President & CEO



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November 28, 2014

To the Members of the City of Calgary Naming Committee:

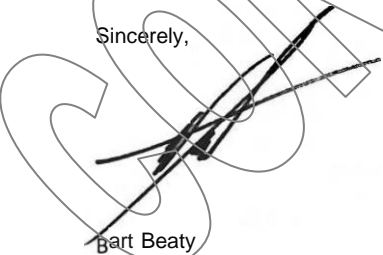
Over the past several months I have had the opportunity to learn of the plan, spearheaded by Derek Beaulieu, Poet Laureate of the City of Calgary, to name alleyways after distinguished writers who have a strong connection to our city. I am writing today to urge you to endorse this amazingly innovative and important proposal.

As the former Head of the Department of English at the University of Calgary, I know first-hand how important it is for us to be actively promoting an awareness of writing in this city. Writers like Roy Kiyooka, Nellie McClung, W. O. Mitchell, and Sheila Watson- and so many others- have played a fundamental role in shaping the way that the world sees Calgary, and the way that Calgarians understand each other. As Chair of the Calgary Distinguished Writers Program, I was privileged to witness the city's warm embrace of our visiting writers, and to be reminded every day that Calgary is a city that holds cultural creation near and dear to its heart.

In May 2016, as part of its fiftieth anniversary celebrations, The University of Calgary will be hosting a The Congress of the Federation of Humanities and Social Sciences, the most important annual scholarly gathering in the nation. We anticipate more than nine thousand delegates will arrive here from across Canada and around the world, eager to learn about the city and its contributions to knowledge and culture. The theme that we have chosen for this event is "Energizing Communities". How wonderful it will be to point to this unique initiative as a way of demonstrating precisely that focus, for it is our poets, novelists, and playwrights who have, for generations, energized the Calgary community.

This is a tremendous proposal, and it has my complete endorsement. I know that the City of Calgary Naming Committee will leap at the opportunity to support such an important and creative initiative.

Sincerely,


Bart Beaty
Professor, Department of English
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To: The City of Calgary Naming Committee

Re: Calgary's Poet Laureate Derek Beaulieu's Alleyways initiative

January 8, 2015

Dear City of Calgary Naming Committee;

This letter is in complete support of Derek Beaulieu's proposal to celebrate Calgary authors and by so enrich our urban fabric.

The concept of cultural prosperity is becoming central of many governments' attention and policy development as initiatives such as the one proposed by Calgary's poet laureate, are now understood as playing critical roles in the "new knowledge economy" that we see flourishing in the 21st century. It is important to understand that the long-term impact of cultural prosperity can also be seen on social prosperity through the enhancement of the urban fabric, which in turn leads to increased quality of life by building healthier communities, thus supporting economic prosperity.

Those geographic nodes with a strong and abundant creative workforce and context, therefore become well positioned to be key providers engaged in the global circulation of cultural products – which in turn will assist the city expanding its leadership nationally and internationally.

Projects such as the Alleyways are essential for the well-being of a city and a region as they go beyond the mere production of physical goods and provide a platform for the engagement and collision of ideas – which then can act as catalyst for the creation of new knowledge within an historic context.

Thus the proposed project engages two critical aspects; the first one is a public celebration and a proud recognition of Calgary's culture as an essential component of the (historic) fabric of the city, and the second one is the need to seed throughout the city moments of urban uniqueness that will contribute to supporting and enriching communal sense of belonging.

Therefore, it is without any reservation that I strongly support Derek Beaulieu's application and firmly believe that the proposed legacy project will provide a new, unique and important way to engage and celebrate our vital community.

Sincerely,

Dr. Daniel Doz
President + CEO

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January 16, 2015

To: City of Calgary Naming Committee

Re: Calgary's Poet Laureate Derek Beaulieu's Laneway Naming Project

It gives me great pleasure to write this letter in support of Derek Beaulieu's Laneway Naming Project.

There have been many memorable moments when Calgary Public Library has benefited from the Calgary Poet Laureate initiatives and we look forward to many more as we work together in the city as a signatory for *Living the Creative Life*.

At Calgary Public Library we are purposeful in our work to design high quality experiences for Calgarians. I believe that Derek Beaulieu's Laneway Naming Project is strategically aligned with the spirit of *Living the Creative Life* and the Library's strategic initiative, - *Strengthening neighbourhoods In a growing city*, and welcome such an innovative project in our city.

Derek's legacy project has great potential to engage citizens, community associations, schools and libraries around a common passion for the history of our literary community and has the mark of becoming a meaningful, sustainable project for the community at large.

The Laneway Naming Project demonstrates what magic can happen when a good idea is met with local context, committed partners and a creative spark. We wish Derek and GADA great success in launching this project.

Sincerely,

Bill Ptacek
CEO, Calgary Public Library



January 14th 2015

To the City of Calgary Naming Committee:

As Executive Director of Lougheed House Provincial and National Historic Site, I'm writing this letter of support for Derek Beaulieu's upcoming *Laneway Naming Project* celebrating the work of writers and artists, well known in Canada, but perhaps less well known here in their home city.

In his role as Poet Laureate for the City of Calgary, Derek's goal is to make the work of Calgary artists (both contemporary and historic) as accessible and known to as diverse an audience as possible in Calgary. As we know, Calgary continues to grow and evolve and this kind of initiative, which brings the creative work of prominent Calgarians literally to the streets of the city, will ensure access to the legacies of these individuals on a broad scale.

As someone who manages a historic and cultural space, I welcome this form of civic documentation as naming of these prominent artists has never happened before, and so this project will greatly enhance the City's collective awareness of its creative past in order to support a growing creative future.

Sincerely,

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22 January 2015

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Dear Committee Members,

I am pleased to write in support of Poet Laureate Derek Beaulieu's initiative to honour Calgarian authors by naming laneways after them in neighbourhoods where they have lived and worked. Calgary is sometimes criticized for not recognizing its architectural heritage, but this idea represents an opportunity to acknowledge our cultural heritage at minimal cost. The vibrant arts and literary scene here is an essential part of our urban identity, and the initiative would give our writers new prominence and recognition. Similar models, including the famous blue plaque system in London and historical markers in many other cities, serve to remind people of the rich but invisible cultural and historical fabric around them.

Sincerely,

David Hyttenrauch



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24 November 2014

To: the Members of the City of Calgary's Naming Committee

RE: Calgary Laneway Naming Project

Dear Naming Committee Members,

The tradition of the literary *flanerie*, or wandering through a city in the tracks of its writers, is more prominent in Europe- think of Paris, or the multiple hiking tours of the English lake country. However, this tradition of seeing a city through the eyes of its writers is growing in Canada. Calgary has taken a lead in developing this trend with its now-established tradition of poetry walks and other literary hikes that take participants to places along the Bow River mentioned in writing about the city. I am constantly amazed at the number of innovative ways in which Calgarians continue to make the literary arts public and to draw attention to the city's writers.

Derek Beaulieu's laneway Naming Project is yet another example of such innovative thinking that immortalizes the names of the city's writers in its street names. As a writer and as the president of the Writers' Guild of Alberta, the largest guild of its kind in Canada, I cannot endorse this project highly enough.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Derek Beaulieu".

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