

Operational Services Report to
Executive Committee
2024 December 05

ISC: UNRESTRICTED
EC2024-1338

Renaming Fish Creek-Lacombe Station

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to respond to the February 13, 2024, Executive Committee meeting, where a Notice of Motion directed City Administration to explore the potential renaming of Fish Creek-Lacombe Station to include recognition of St. Mary's University and report back to Council by Q4 2024.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL DIRECTION

At the 2024 February 27 Regular Meeting of Council, Council directed Administration "to undertake the necessary steps to consider changing the current station name, Fish Creek – Lacombe CTrain station to additionally recognize St. Mary's University by renaming to, St. Mary's University / Fish Creek Station and report back to Council through the Executive Committee no later than Q4 2024."

RECOMMENDATION:

That Executive Committee recommends that Council:

1. Retain the name Fish Creek-Lacombe Station at this time; and,
2. Direct Administration to revisit renaming when opportunities arise to align with broader planning initiatives in the area.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, 2024 DECEMBER 5:

That Council:

1. Retain the name Fish Creek-Lacombe Station at this time; and,
2. Direct Administration to revisit renaming when opportunities arise to align with broader planning initiatives in the area.

Excerpt from the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee, 2024 December 5:

"A package of letters was distributed with respect to Report EC2024-1338."

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER/GENERAL MANAGER COMMENTS

GM of Operational Services Doug Morgan concurs with this report.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Targeted and public engagement revealed diverse perspectives on renaming the station.
- Station renaming should align with broader planning initiatives, such as transit-oriented-development work for the station area or the future Local Area Plan for this and surrounding communities.

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DISCUSSION

Fish Creek-Lacombe Station serves as a key transit hub, providing access to the surrounding communities, Fish Creek Provincial Park, and nearby institutions, including St. Mary's University. The station name has historical and geographical significance, reflecting its proximity to both Fish Creek Provincial Park and Father Lacombe's parish, which covered the area.

While the proposal to incorporate St. Mary's University into the station name recognizes the University, any renaming should align with broader planning initiatives, such as transit-oriented-development work for the station area or the future Local Area Plan for this and surrounding communities.

EXTERNAL ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATION

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public engagement was undertaken | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dialogue with interested parties was undertaken |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Public/interested parties were informed | <input type="checkbox"/> Public communication or engagement was not required |

Letters of Support

As part of the notion of motion, six letters of support for renaming Fish Creek-Lacombe Station to recognize St. Mary's University were submitted and are included in this report (Attachment 3). These submissions highlight the value of acknowledging St. Mary's University's contributions to Calgary's academic and cultural landscape through the station name.

Targeted Engagement

Calgary Transit consulted with the Calgary Aboriginal Urban Affairs Committee (CAUAC), who provide recommendations to Council on areas of concern to people of Aboriginal ancestry. CAUAC submitted a formal letter highlighting concerns with the proposed station name (Attachment 3).

Calgary Transit engaged the Calgary Transit Customer Advisory Group (CTCAG), which provides advice to Calgary Transit to improve customer experience. CTCAG submitted feedback outlining concerns with the proposed name (Attachment 3).

Public Engagement

Public engagement took place from May 30 to June 16, 2024, facilitated by the Engage Resource Unit. This included an online public questionnaire and on-site signage at Fish Creek-Lacombe Station to encourage participation. The feedback collected reflected a range of perspectives, with no clear consensus emerging in support of or opposition to the renaming. The results should inform any future renaming discussions. See Attachment 4, What We Heard Report.

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RISK

Deferring the renaming discussion to a later stage of community planning introduces a risk of prolonged uncertainty; however, as public engagement was not strongly directional, this is considered a low and manageable risk.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Presentation
2. Background and Previous Council Direction
3. Letters Received
4. What We Heard Report
5. **Additional Letters of Support**

Department Circulation

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