

RE-NAMING THE GEORGINA THOMSON BUILDING

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Operational space for Community and Neighbourhood services has been provided in a newly-renovated building at 772 Northmount Dr NW. In recognition of the history and location of this building, The City proposes to name it 'Georgina Thomson Building'.

ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATION(S)

That Priorities and Finance Committee approve the name 'Georgina Thomson Building' for the corporate building owned by The City of Calgary located at 772 Northmount Dr NW.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL DIRECTION / POLICY

LAS2010-35, Asset Optimization of Corporate Accommodation Facilities, directed Administration to take over stewardship of the property at 772 Northmount Dr NW from Calgary Public Library, for optimization of corporate accommodation solutions.

BACKGROUND

As directed in the Asset Optimization Programme, Corporate Properties & Buildings assumed stewardship of the closed Georgina Thomson Library Branch located at 772 Northmount Dr NW for adaptive reuse as operational space for Community and Neighbourhood Services. Renovation to the building is effectively complete and the intended operations are currently occurring within them.

INVESTIGATION: ALTERNATIVES AND ANALYSIS

Corporate Properties & Buildings outlined the need, rationale and business case for optimizing the former Georgina Thomson Branch Library in LAS2010-35. The total operating cost is expected to be lower than leased space in a comparable facility. The new facility will meet all City environmental, health and safety standards.

The proposed re-name "Georgina Thomson Building" references the building's former name "Georgina Thomson Branch Library" and is an internally-driven initiative to recognize the building's history, and its new use.

The building's current occupants, Community and Neighbourhood Services, already informally refer to the facility as "The Georgina Thomson Building".

Stakeholder Engagement, Research and Communication

Directors of both Corporate Properties & Buildings, and Community Neighbourhood Services tenants jointly agree to the proposed name 'Georgina Thomson Building' for the former Georgina Thomson Library Branch located at 772 Northmount Dr NW. The proposed rename respects the historic name of the building, and clarifies its change of use from a library to an operational space.

Strategic Alignment

The proposed name 'Georgina Thomson Building' is in keeping with Council Policy – Corporate Services Department – Municipal Naming Policy #CS003.

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Social, Environmental, Economic (External)

None associated with the recommendations of this report.

Financial Capacity

Current and Future Operating Budget:

No Impact to the current and future operating budget.

Current and Future Capital Budget:

No Impact to the current and future operating budget.

Risk Assessment

There are no risks associated with the recommendation being presented by Administration.

There is risk of continued ambiguity of building usage and location by not adopting the recommendations of this report.

REASON(S) FOR RECOMMENDATION(S):

Approval of the request to name the 'Georgina Thomson Building' fits within the criteria outlined in the Corporate Services Department – Municipal Naming Policy #CS003.

ATTACHMENT(S)

1. Site Location Map & Photo Image
2. Profile of Georgina Thomson