

## Applicant Submission



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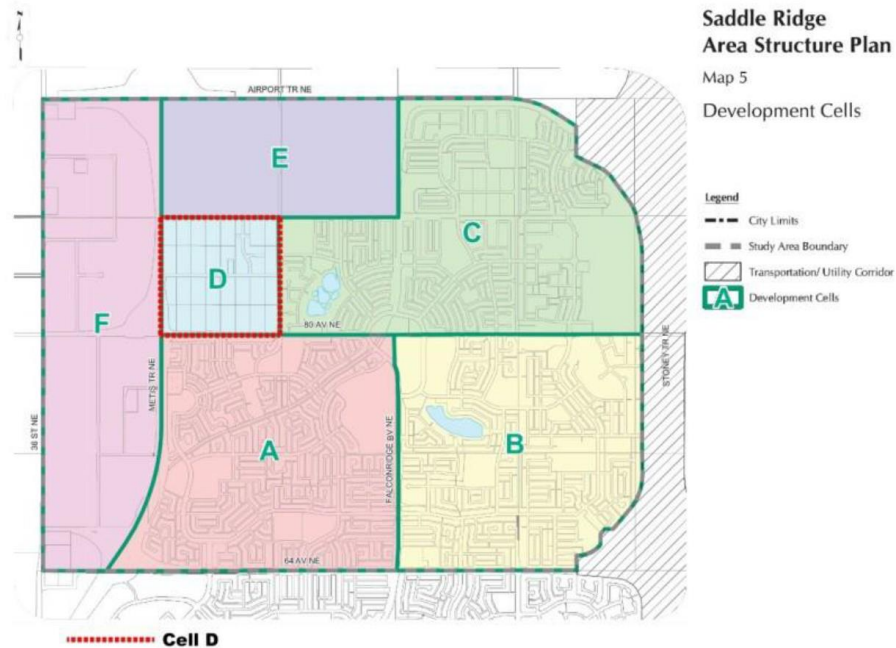
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Attention: Jeff Nielson

Re: **Street Name Application Amended**

B&A, on behalf of a Consortium of Landowners, is amending the original application submission to respond to and reflect comments received. The application is revised to request the new street name of "Guru Nanak Gate" for the entry street to the proposed Place of Worship (Temple site) within Cell D as identified in the Saddle Ridge Area Structure Plan (refer to Figure 1 below) and for the approval of "Saddlepeace" and "Saddlefaith" as additional street names within Cell D.

Figure 1: Development Cells



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In keeping with Schedule D of the Municipal Naming, Sponsorship and Naming Rights Policy, the street type Gate is “a short street giving access to a subdivision area from a major street.” Accordingly, Guru Nanak Gate is accessed off 88 Avenue NE (a major street type) and is less than 115m in length. The name “Guru Nanak” will recognize the significance of the proposed temple as well as reinforce the Sikh cultural role in Calgary to teach and promote the values of an enriched life and service. Utilizing Guru Nanak Gate as the entrance street name will strengthen the area’s importance and create a sense of place, identity, and character.

In addition, four roads within Cell D will require a themed street name and appropriate street type. They are proposed as “Saddlepeace Manor”, “Saddlepeace Road”, “Saddlepeace Way”, and “Saddlepeace Crescent”. “Saddlepeace” maintains the theme of the community (Saddleridge) and binds the values of unification and peace. Valid roadway types that are maintained by the City’s Addressing division are utilized. All other streets within the proposed development will be identified numerically as shown in Attachment 1. This amended application reflects the feedback received from the Mayor’s and Councilor’s Offices, the Saddle Ridge Community Association, and City Administration while recognizing this new proposed place of worship and study. Note: We are requesting the additional name of “Saddlefaith” should Council not be in support of “Saddlepeace”.

### Location:

The proposed Guru Nanak Gate is located east of Metis Trail NE, south of 88 Avenue NE at 46 Street NE in the Community of Saddle Ridge. All other proposed street names are located east of Metis Trail NE, south of 88 Avenue NE, and north of 84 Avenue NE. in the Community of Saddle Ridge. (See Attachment 1)

### Municipal Development Plan:

As per the MDP, the “sense of place” inherent in Calgary’s communities is a function of their history, built form, landscape, visual qualities, and people. Together, the interaction of these factors defines the distinctive identity and local character of a neighbourhood and community.

### Municipal Naming Policy:

Section 2.1 of the City of Calgary’s Municipal Naming Policy provides direction in the naming of streets in the city. This section states:

The purpose of this Council Policy is to:

- 1 Streamline and define the authorizing process and management of Municipal Naming, Sponsorship and Naming Rights to ensure a positive municipal image and enhance City products and services;
- 2 Protect The City from risk;
- 3 Provide guidelines and criteria that reflect Calgary’s heritage and further a sense of community;
- 4 Provide corporate guidelines and procedures based on best practices; and
- 5 Uphold The City’s stewardship role to safeguard City Assets and interest.

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### Schedule 1: Requirements for Municipal Naming of Communities and Roadways (selected)

- 1 Residential roadways within a Community shall either be numbered or named. Roadway names should meet at least one of the following naming requirements:
  - a. follow a theme, preferably connected to the Community name;
  - b. reflect local geographic feature(s), including flora and fauna;
  - c. reflect Community/Calgary Heritage; or
  - d. be words using the first several letters of the Community name.
- 2 Proposed roadway names shall be distinct from names used for roadways or Communities elsewhere in Calgary. Similar sounding roadway names shall be avoided due to confusion it may create for citizens or emergency services. Duplicated or similar sounding roadway names within the boundaries of deployment of regional signage requirements.
- 3 Wherever possible, there should be only one name along a roadway's entire length to avoid confusion and due to directional signage requirements.
- 4 When naming roadway after individuals:
  - a. The practice shall be to use names of individuals who re retired (and therefore no longer active in their field of expertise) or deceased; and
  - b. Where appropriate, a written consent from the individual or his/her estate shall be obtained.
- 5 Roadway names (not including a roadway type or quadrant identifier) shall not exceed 14 characters in length. Every number, letter, hyphen or space used in a roadway name shall be counted as one character in the 14-character limit (e.g., 100 Lake Erie Plan (13 characters), 16A Street SE (3 characters), Beny-Sur-Mer Road (12 characters)).
- 6 Where a roadway deviates from its theoretical grid alignment, the roadway shall be names, as opposed to being numbered, commencing with a major intersection.
- 7 Naming of roadways using a defined theme shall be permitted if the proposed names meet the following requirements:
  - a. Themes must be simple and commonly understood, unless reflecting a theme of national or local significance;
  - b. Where there are many names in use throughout Calgary that could be associated with a proposed theme the proposed theme naming shall not be permitted; and
  - c. Where words used within a theme are not easily recognized as being associated with the theme, prefixes may be used (e.g., Lake Bonavista, Lake Lucerne, Lake Tahoe, Lase Wasa, etc.).
- 8 Roadways shall utilize valid roadway types maintained by the Administration's division responsible in order to:
  - a. Reflect the hierarchy, topography and configuration of roadways;
  - b. Enable one roadway name to be used for several roadways, thus reducing the number of roadway names required for new Communities.

As outlined below, the proposed "Guru Nanak" "Saddlepeace" and "Saddlefaith" names are consistent with the above criteria. The name "Guru Nanak" is unique within the City of Calgary. It will recognize the importance of this place as well as contributions of Calgary's Sikh community to both Calgary and Alberta while the name "Saddlepeace" and "Saddlefaith" are unique to the community of Saddleridge.

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### Why Guru Nanak?

The naming of a street within a community is an important element of its design and development. With a National Canadian Sikh population of approximately 1.4% and approximately 2.6% of Calgary's population, The City of Calgary has a unique opportunity to have one of its new streets named after the founder of Sikhism. While the use of the name "Guru Nanak Gate" will emphasise the importance of this Place of Worship and learning, it is an opportunity for Calgary and Calgarians to acknowledge the contributions of the Sikh community and signify the acceptance for all Calgarians. "Guru Nanak Gate" will be a living example of cultural and community pride, a reminder of everyone's individual and collective obligation to support and contribute to our collective society acceptance and an enduring example of the openness and acceptance of Calgarians.

Born in Punjab, India, in 1469, Guru Nanak (addressed and revered by Sikh's as GURU NANAK DEV JI) advocated for the freedom of religion/worship and equality. He taught that one could worship God in many different ways and preached equality of men and women. Guru Nanak, the founder of Sikhism, taught three basic tenets of Sikh faith:

- 1 NAM JAPNA (Meditation of God through reciting) - to practice and walk the path of righteousness.
- 2 KIRAT KARNI (To earn with one's honest physical or mental effort) to live an honorable, truthful and decent life.
- 3 VAND SHAKNA (Share and consume together) - the community or 'Sadh Sangat' is an important part of Sikh faith where one must be part of and contribute to one's Community. A Sikh must contribute to the betterment of the community and of all humankind. This sharing and giving is one of the most important messages of Guru Nanak.

Guru Nanak and the nine Gurus that followed him compiled their teachings in the Sikh Holy Scriptures called Guru Granth Sahib. Guru Nanak's message was not limited to one group or religion but universal. His teachings require one to live a peaceful and love filled life.

The new "Guru Nanak" Gate will establish the entrance to the Sikh Temple. "Guru Nanak Way" and "Guru Nanak Drive" will establish access to the Sikh Temple and private school that will teach and promote the Sikh values of an enriched life. Through the highest standards of teaching and learning, students will have the opportunity to connect with their faith and develop their spiritual potential. Students will be taught to develop their self-esteem, confidence and consideration for others through the concept of Sewa (helping others). Practical Sewa-based activities will strengthen the bonds between school, home and the overall community.

In 2014, one of Calgary's parks "Harnam Singh Hari" was named after the first Sikh settler who in the 1900s successfully settled and farmed in Alberta. The selection of this name recognizes the significant contributions of the whole Sikh community to Calgary, Alberta and Canada.

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### Conclusion:

"Guru Nanak", "Saddlepeace" and "Saddlefaith" are consistent with the City's Municipal Naming Policy.

The naming of these roadways in one of Calgary's newest neighborhoods in Northeast Calgary will celebrate both the contribution of Calgary's Sikh residents and be a symbol of Calgary's openness and multicultural acceptance of all people.

The name "Guru Nanak" is historically significant in acknowledging both the origins of the Sikh faith and the Sikh community's role in the Calgary Community while the name "Saddlepeace" or "Saddlefaith" recognizes the community's name.

The names are unique and do not sound like any other names in Calgary and will therefore not cause confusion to residents and visitors.

The landowners respectfully seek Calgary Planning Commission's and City Council's support in adding **Guru Nanak Gate**, **Saddlepeace Manor**, **Saddlepeace Road**, **Saddlepeace Way**, and **Saddlepeace Crescent** as new roadways in northeast Calgary. We trust this meets with your satisfaction. If, at any time, you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me Deborah Cooper (403-692-4547). Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Deborah Cooper".

Deborah Cooper

B&A Planning Group

Attachment 1: Proposed Naming of Roadways

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