

June 26, 2015

To Mayor Barbara Desjardin and Esquimalt Council Members:



Re: Request for street name change

We the owners and residents of 1370, 1376, 1382, 1384 and 1386 Esquimalt Road respectfully submit this request to have the name of the cul-de-sac on which these properties are located changed from being part of Esquimalt Road to the new name of "St. Paul's Place" in honour of the original St. Paul's Church located across from the cul-de-sac. In support of this request, we submit the following:


- The cul-de-sac has a physical separateness from the main thoroughfare of Esquimalt Road and does not appear to be part of Esquimalt Road at all. A different name is therefore entirely appropriate.
- It is difficult for people unfamiliar with our properties to find them because the cul-de-sac does not appear to be part of Esquimalt Road. This includes friends, delivery drivers, taxis and emergency personal. They often drive by the opening to the cul-de-sac several times trying to locate our property numbers on the main thoroughfare of Esquimalt Road. Often they then have to phone to find the property they are seeking. This causes unnecessary confusion and inconvenience.
- More importantly, however, the most compelling reason for this request is the health and safety risk that the current situation creates for the residents of the cul-de-sac when emergency service personnel are unable to locate our properties. There are two recent examples.
 - On August 14, 2014, one of the residents of 1376 Esquimalt, Gerry McElroy, collapsed and was found to be the victim of a massive heart attack. The police and ambulance were summoned immediately. After almost 7 minutes, the other owner, Mario Martinelli, saw the police drive by the entrance to the cul-de-sac. Mr. Martinelli had to run out the front door and wave the police down while they were on Esquimalt Road proper. Fifteen or so minutes later, the ambulance called the on-site police to find out where the house was. The first thought that ran through Mr. Martinelli's mind was, since the police admitted that the house was not a "known address", what would have happened if Mr. McElroy had not been dead but instead was in need of vital assistance.
 - A few years earlier, a similar incident happened at the same address when an ambulance had similar difficulty locating the address while having to attend to one of the former owners.
- The proposed name, St. Paul's Place, honours the contributions of St. Paul's Church (now St. Peter and Paul's Anglican Church) to Esquimalt life for the past century and a half and recognizes its historical significance. The church is located directly opposite the entrance to the cul-de-sac and would be a perfect landmark for identifying the location of the cul-de-sac.

We are hopeful that you will consider this request favourably and approve the name change. We suggest the name "St. Paul's Place" to honour and recognize the historical significance of the local church and because it is a helpful landmark reference point. But we leave it to Council to designate another name to address the health, safety and inconvenience issues we have identified if you wish to consider an alternative name – including the alternative of "St. Peter and Paul Place" to acknowledge the name of the current church, although it is long for a street address name.

If you have any questions, please contact Robert Buckle at 250-727-1246.

Respectfully,

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