

**The Corporation of the
Town of Arnprior**

By-law Number 7298-22

A by-law to amend By-law Number 6884-18, being Policy AS-CO-14 Comprehensive Commemorative Naming Policy.

Whereas Section 8 (1) of the Municipal Act, 2001 provides broad authority on the municipality to enable municipalities to govern their affairs as it considers appropriate and to enhance the municipality's ability to respond to municipal issues; and

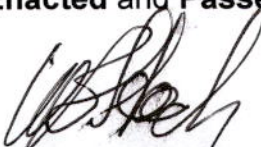
Whereas Council enacted By-law No. 6884-18, in 2018, and this policy requires updates to include further specifications surrounding minor asset commemorations (benches/ trees); and

Whereas Council deems it expedient to adopt an amended Comprehensive Commemorative Naming Policy.

Therefore the Council of the Town of Arnprior enacts as follows:


1. **That** amended AS-CO-14 Comprehensive Commemorative Naming Policy be adopted, as attached hereto and forming part of this By-law; and
2. **That** this By-law shall come into force and effect on the day of its passing.

Enacted and Passed this 25th day of April, 2022.


Walter Stack, Mayor


Maureen Spratt, Clerk



	The Corporation of the Town of Arnprior Corporate Policies and Procedures Manual	
	Section: Administrative Standards – Clerk’s Office (AS-CO)	Policy #AS-CO-14
Policy Name: Commemorative Naming Policy		
Effective Date: November 13, 2018 By-law No: XXXX-18	Revised Date: By-law No:	Coverage: Council, Town Employees, Individuals, Organizations

1.0 Policy Statement

The Town of Arnprior, through its Operations and Client Services Departments, administers and supports the Commemorative Naming of major and minor Town assets, including municipal parks, streets and facilities as well as benches and trees. As the naming of a particular asset is important for public awareness and promotion, naming shall be consistent with Town of Arnprior policies and shall not negatively reflect on the Town’s public image (see General Guidelines for Commemorations, attached).

2.0 Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to provide a consistent and rational procedure for the commemorative naming of both major and minor Town assets, including municipal parks, streets and facilities, as well as benches and trees.

3.0 Scope

The intent of this policy is to provide direction on how to apply for approval to commemorate Town assets. This policy sets out the detailed criteria to process requests for commemorative naming, to ensure that relevant factors are present prior to honoring an individual, family, or organization. This policy and process will ensure appropriate public notice is provided, and the commemoration request is in keeping with the Town’s vision and policies, as well as not having a negative impact on the Town’s public image.

4.0 Responsibility

The Clerk's Office shall be responsible for receiving application forms from the public for commemoration, and determining whether the request will be forwarded for approval to the General Manager, Operations (minor assets – benches and trees) or Council (major assets – municipal parks, streets and facilities). The Clerk's office will also be responsible for providing the necessary public notice for commemoration of major assets.

The General Manager, Operations or his/her designate shall ensure compliance with this policy, and be responsible for its implementation. The General Manager, Operations will be responsible for screening and final approval of requests for commemoration of minor assets, being benches and trees.

Council of the Town of Arnprior shall be responsible for reviewing and final approval of requests for commemoration of major Town assets.

5.0 Definitions

Applicant – individual, group or association applying for the commemoration.

Clerk's Office – The Town Clerk, Deputy Clerk and his/her designate.

Council – The Council of the Corporation of the Town of Arnprior.

General Manager, Operations – The General Manager of the Operations Department of the Town of Arnprior, which includes his/her designate.

Major Asset Commemoration – the naming or re-naming of a major municipal asset, or part of a major municipal asset.

Major Town Assets – includes municipal parks, streets, and facilities or parts of parks or facilities, for the purposes of this policy.

Minor Asset Commemoration – a commemorative plaque, as approved and designed by the Town of Arnprior, to commemorate a minor Town asset.

Minor Town Assets – includes municipal benches or trees, for the purposes of this policy.

6.0 Procedures

6.1 The Clerk's office shall be the central depository for all naming requests for any corporate assets. Applicant(s) shall complete the application form in full for consideration. The application form shall provide the following:

- a) Background information concerning the rationale for consideration of the commemorative naming request;

- b) Biographical information of the named individual/ organization being commemorated;
- c) Documentation including letters from organizations and/or individuals providing substantial support for the request to commemorate a Town asset.

6.2 Each application for commemorative naming/re-naming shall undergo a process which will:

- a) Review the application for conformity with this policy and any other applicable Town policies/procedures;
- b) Circulate the application to the appropriate internal stakeholder(s) for review/comment on the suitability of the application:
 - i) **Major Town Assets** – The Clerk’s Office will circulate the application to Council in a Closed Session Meeting for their review. The approval/denial of the application, would be presented in an Open Session Council Meeting.
 - ii) **Minor Town Assets** – The Clerk’s Office will circulate the application to the General Manager, Operations for his/her and/or their designates review and approval/denial of the application.
- c) Provide notice to the public of the approval to name/ re-name a major Town asset.
- d) Determine whether or not a special event is planned to coincide with their formal naming.

6.3 The General Manager, Operations or his/her designate has the authority to accept or deny applications for commemorative naming of minor Town assets. Criteria would be based on availability and/or suitability of the location and/or other circumstances as deemed applicable by the General Manager, Operations or his/her designate as the approval authority.

6.4 Council has the authority to accept or deny applications for commemorative naming of major Town assets. Criteria would be based on availability and/or suitability of the location and/or other circumstances as deemed applicable by Council as the approval authority,

6.5 Notwithstanding the above, Council has the authority to commemoratively name both major and minor assets by way of a resolution of Council.

- 6.6** The Town of Arnprior, through the General Manager, Operations, controls the selection(s) and location(s) of the bench/tree/plaque/signage, in an effort to ensure a consistent appearance of commemorations throughout the Town.
- 6.7** To remain consistent in the purchase of assets (benches and trees) and plaques/signage, the Town will acquire these items on behalf of the applicant. The applicant will be responsible for the cost (+5% administration recovery charge) of the commemorative item(s). Fees for commemorative naming signage, plaques and/or the purchase of minor assets (benches/trees) will be identified in the Town's User Fees and Charges By-law, as amended.
- 6.8** All historical commemorations will be grandfathered; until such time they require replacement. At this time the commemoration will be replaced with a selection in keeping with the consistent appearance throughout Town.
- 6.9** A commemoration can be removed if it is found that the individual/organization being commemorated has done something inappropriate/ that would have a negative effect on the Town and its image.

7.0 Attachments

General Guidelines for Commemorations

Commemorative Naming Application (Minor Asset) Form

Commemorative Naming Application (Major Asset) Form

General Guidelines for Commemorations

In an effort to remain consistent and ensure the commemorations are in keeping with the Town's vision and policies, as well as not having a negative impact on the Town's public image, the following guidelines have been developed.

Epitaph choices for commemorative plaques:

- In Memory of
- In Loving Memory
- In Commemoration of
- In Tribute To
- In Our Hearts
- To Commemorate
- To Congratulate
- Never Forgotten
- Always With Us
- Forever Loved

Sample Plaque

In Memory of
John Doe, 1945 – 2018
(optional) Dedicated by Mr. & Mrs. Smith