
REPORT 4
(1215/52/IM)

APPROVAL OF NAME FOR A NEW ROAD: MERVYN KEMP DRIVE

1. Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to seek approval of the name for a new road as shown on Plan **F 3032**.

2. Recommendations

It is recommended that the Committee:

1. *Receive the information.*
2. *Agree to give approval for the name **Mervyn Kemp Drive** to be allocated to the new road built as a result of residential development off Woodman Drive in Tawa as shown on Plan F 3032 (Appendix A).*

3. Background

This residential development has been completed in stages by the Walsh family over recent years. The site is located to the southern end of Woodman Drive.

4. Discussion

Road names are assigned to all new roads and the naming of new roads should be completed before any buildings are constructed. The Council is responsible for assigning names to new roads. The names can either be selected from the Council's Approved but Unallocated Street Names list or the developer can propose name/names in consultation with the local community board.

The Council's Road Naming Policy states that:

The developer may wish to:

- *suggest a name taken from the Council's 'List of Approved but Unallocated Names' (the process for allocating a road name is likely to be much quicker if the name has already been approved by Council), or*
- *recommend a new name that has not already been approved. In doing this, the developer may wish to consult with people who are connected to the local area, such as:*
 - *Local historians*
 - *Local community groups*
 - *Community Boards (Makara/Ohariu and Tawa) in their respective areas*
 - *Members of the public.*

In accordance with these procedures Cardno TCB, on behalf of the developers, the Walsh family, has proposed Irish names to be considered and seeks Council's approval to name the road (*Appendix B*).

The Walsh family came from Ireland to settle in New Zealand. They have lived and worked in Wellington for nearly 40 years. The proposed Irish names are of cultural significance to the family.

The proposed names are:

- Galway Bay (already in use in Lower Hutt)
- Inverin (could be confused with Inverell Way in Seatoun)
- Cavan (refer proposal)
- Abbeyside (refer proposal)

The names Galway and Inverin do not meet the selection criteria because of the potential confusion with the other similar names used in Wellington region. The other two names **Cavan** and **Abbeyside** have not been used and have been checked for duplication, similarity and suitability in Wellington region. These two names can be considered.

In the event Council does not approve the Irish names, Cardno TCB, in consultation with the Walsh family, has also selected two more names **Lindauer** and **Tait** from the Council's Approved but Unallocated Street Names list. However, the Walsh family's preference is to use Irish names for the new roads.

Lindauer (From the list of Painters)

Gottfried Lindauer (1839 – 1926) was a famous New Zealand painter and photographer.

Tait (from the list of Town Clerks of Wellington)

R Tait was the Acting Town Clerk from October 1925 to November 1926.

These suggestions were presented to the Tawa Community Board on 13 March 2008 to receive their views on the Walsh family's proposal or any other suggestions in relation to the naming of this road.

Tawa Community Board wishes Tawa streets to be named after the names of people who have contributed to the success of Tawa Flat. They have proposed the name **Mervyn Kemp Drive** for this new road (Appendix C).

Ernest Mervyn Kemp

3 December 1912 – 24 January 2004

Mervyn Kemp was the Mayor of Tawa for 28 years, from 1955 – 1983, the greater part of its existence to date being as a borough. He was born in Melbourne and came to New Zealand in 1938 on a working holiday at the instigation of his father who had been appointed Financial Secretary of the Salvation Army. He joined the army during World War 2 and fought in Italy, settling in Tawa flat with his wife after the war. He quickly identified with community affairs and was nominated for the new Town Board. During the next 32 years he was successively Town Board Commissioner, Borough Councillor, Deputy Mayor and Mayor. (Refer Tawa – Enterprise and Endeavour)

Some areas of Wellington have street names that follow a theme. The Woodman Drive part of Tawa has no theme for names. There are several other streets such as Turkington Street and Davidson Crescent in Tawa which are named after the former Mayors G Turkington and M Davidson respectively.

We recognise there is a Mervyn Kemp Library in Tawa but anticipate little confusion between the library name and a street name.

There is a Mervyn Place in Cambourne and a Kemp Street in Wellington. Using the suffix 'Drive' with the name Mervyn Kemp should minimize the risk of confusion with the shorter names in these other areas.

It was the strong and unanimous recommendation of Tawa Community Board that this name be used. It is not the first choice of the developer but there is a good chance that their suggestion of Abbesside could be used for another new street in their development. The Walsh family supports the recommendation made by the Tawa Community Board.

5. Consultation

The name has been checked for duplication, similarity and suitability by the Wellington Regional Council who has advised that there are two existing streets with similar names in the Wellington region, Mervyn Place in Porirua and Kemp Street in Wellington.

Consultation on the proposal submitted by the Walsh Family to use Irish names has taken place with the Tawa Community Board. The Board has suggested the name *Mervyn Kemp Drive*, after a former Mayor of Tawa.

6. Conclusion

Council Officers recommend that the name **Mervyn Kemp Drive** be approved to be allocated to the new road as shown on **Plan F 3032**.

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Supporting Information

1) Strategic Fit / Strategic Outcome

Allocation of street names is a statutory function under section 319A of the Local Government Act 1974.

2) LTCCP/Annual Plan reference and long term financial impact

No relevant annual plan project reference.

3) Treaty of Waitangi considerations

There are no obvious Treaty of Waitangi implications in this proposal.

4) Decision-Making

The proposal to name is in accordance with Section 319A of the Local Government Act.

5) Consultation

a) General Consultation

Cardno TCB, on behalf of the developers, has been consulted. The developer wishes to use Irish names for the new road off Woodman Drive and has proposed Irish names.

Alternatively, the developer would like to adopt names from the *Approved but Unallocated Street Names* list.

Consultation has taken place with Regional Council for the suitability of the proposed names.

Consultation with Tawa Community Board has taken place and they have proposed the name *Mervyn Kemp*, after a former Mayor of Tawa.

b) Consultation with Maori

This report does not require consultation. There are no known Maori precincts, tracks or sites near this road.

6) Legal Implications

There are no legal implications.

7) Consistency with existing policy

This report is consistent with the Council's Road Naming Policy.

Appendix A

Appendix B

Appendix C