

**12.3 Proposed Naming of Right of Way Bounded by Albany Highway, Dane Street, Hubert Street and Mint Street (ROW52)**

<b>File Reference:</b>	ROA/28/0034
<b>Appendices:</b>	No

<b>Date:</b>	24 September 2015
<b>Reporting Officer:</b>	T. McCarthy
<b>Responsible Officer:</b>	W. Bow
<b>Voting Requirement:</b>	Simple Majority

**Executive Summary:**  
**Recommendation – That Council requests approval of Geographic Names Committee to apply the name “Iceworks Lane” to the Right of Way bounded by Albany Highway, Dane Street, Hubert Street and Mint Street (ROW52).**

- A proposal has been put forward that the subject Right of Way be named.
- The name “Iceworks Lane” is recommended as a preferred name for the Right of Way.
- Use of the name “Iceworks Lane”, in recognition of an ice and cold storage business previously located in the area.

**TABLED ITEMS:**

Nil

**BACKGROUND:**

It has been suggested that the subject Right of Way be named. It is understood that residents have difficulty in directing friends, visitors, delivery drivers and trades people to properties which face the Right of Way. It is also understood that businesses facing Albany Highway which have parking access from the Right of Way have some difficulty in directing customers and clients to those parking areas accessed from the Right of Way.

**DETAILS:**

There are six residential and 22 commercial properties facing the Right of Way which use the Right of Way for primary vehicle access. Several properties which front Hubert Street and also have access to the Right of Way have taken advantage of the access from the Right of Way in addition to their available access to Hubert Street. This has resulted in the majority of the properties which abut the Right of Way taking either primary or secondary access from the Right of Way. Those properties fronting Albany Highway and Mint Street are zoned “District Centre” and those properties fronting Hubert Street are zoned “Residential R30” under the Town of Victoria Park Town planning Scheme No. 1.

The subject Right of Way, bounded by Albany Highway, Dane Street, Hubert Street and Mint Street, East Victoria Park (ROW52), is paved and drained and is classified as “Essential for Access – To Remain Open” in the Right of Way Strategy Plan adopted by Council on 2 September 2003. The Right of Way is 404 metres long and 4.02 metres wide and runs parallel to Albany Highway and Hubert Street.

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The Right of Way is owned by Ethel Winifred Johnston, widow of the developer James Robert Johnston who carried out the original subdivision of land in the area. Ethel Winifred Johnston died in Christchurch, New Zealand, in 1951. The Right of Way is accessible from both ends, i.e. from both Mint Street and Dane Street.

**Legal Compliance:**

Any name proposed to be used in naming a Right of Way must be approved by the Geographic Names Committee.

**Policy Implications:**

Suggestions for names to be put forward for naming of Rights of Way are sought from the Culture and Local History Working Group (CLHWG). In this instance CLHWG has not had opportunity to formally review the proposed name. Members of CLHWG have been contacted and invited to comment on the name proposed for the subject Right of Way. The Local History Librarian has suggested the name "Iceworks Lane" and is supportive of that name being endorsed by Council.

Comments received from members of CLHWG are supportive of the name "Iceworks Lane" being applied to the subject Right of Way. Members of CLHWG have also recommended that:

- The remaining available names of nurses and midwives who operated in the area be applied to Rights of Way in close proximity to the locations where the nurses and midwives operated. There are approximately four such remaining names of nurses and midwives to be used.
- A priority list of names which meet Geographic Names Committee requirements for use be developed by CLHWG, and those names presented to Council for endorsement. Names from that approved list would then be selected for endorsement by Council for application to a particular Right of Way when applications are received for naming of Rights of Way. The list is to be developed and approved by CLHWG prior to presentation to Council for endorsement.

**Strategic Plan Implications:**

Nil

**Financial Implications:**Internal Budget:

If use of the proposed name for the Right of Way is approved by the Geographic Names Committee, street nameplates will need to be installed. These will be funded from the general account used for installation of street nameplates.

Total Asset Management:

Nil

**Sustainability Assessment:**External Economic Implications:

Nil

Social Issues:

Application and use of a name for the subject Right of Way will give a sense of place to those residents who use the Right of Way for sole vehicle access to their properties, and will also assist those residents who use the Right of Way for secondary vehicle access to their properties.

Cultural Issues:

Use of the name "Iceworks Lane" for the Right of Way will recognise the significance of the presence of an iceworks located at 860 Albany Highway, prior to refrigeration being readily available to the general public, and will also will bring some awareness to residents and others of the history of settlement in the local area.

Environmental Issues:

Nil

**COMMENT:**

Any name proposed to be used in naming a Right of Way must be approved by the Geographic Names Committee. The Committee has produced a "Principles, Guidelines and Procedures" handbook for reference when considering names for roads, Rights of Way, private roads and parks. The guiding principles for the Committee when approving a name for use as published in the handbook are:

- *New names and changes of names shall have strong local community support.*
- *Names in public use shall have primary consideration.*
- *Name duplication and dual naming should be avoided, especially those in close proximity.*
- *Names of living individuals should be used only in exceptional circumstances.*
- *Names characterised as follows are to be avoided, where possible:*  
*incongruous; given and surname combinations; qualified names; double names; corrupted, unduly cumbersome, obscene, derogatory or discriminating names; and commercialised names.*
- *Preferred sources of names are:*  
*Descriptive names appropriate to the features, pioneers, war casualties and historical events connected with the area, and names from Aboriginal languages currently or formerly identified with the general area.*
- *Generic terms must be appropriate to features described.*
- *New names proposed must be accompanied by exact information as to location, feature identification, origin, or if alteration is proposed, by a rationale.*

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- *The use of the genitive apostrophe is to be avoided (eg. Butcher's).*
- *Hyphenated words in place names shall only be used where they have been adopted in local usage. (eg. City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder)"*

The handbook states that the guidelines for selection of names require that *"name duplication within local governments or adjoining local governments shall be avoided. When a duplicated name is proposed elsewhere, it must not be duplicated more than 5 times in the metropolitan region, must be at least 10km from the existing duplication and must have a different road type."* The handbook provides guidelines on the naming of laneways and Rights of Way and states:

*"The increase in urban density in new development and urban redevelopment has resulted in many narrow short lanes and rights-of-way requiring names. The naming of such roads is supported with a preference for use of the road type Lane and short names. Laneways will normally only be named if a name is required for addressing purposes. The leg of a battleaxe lot is not a laneway."*

It was previously recommended by the Culture and Local History Working Group (CLHWG) to use names of midwives and nurses who worked in the local area. Most of the names of nurses and midwives who were active in the Victoria park area that have been discovered have been allocated in the naming of Rights of Way. There are four names which are still available for use, subject to further research. It is proposed to develop a priority list of names which meet Geographic Names Committee requirements for use, and present those names to Council for endorsement and then select names from that endorsed list when applications are received for naming of Rights of Way. Elected Members may recall that at the July 2015 Ordinary Council Meeting, during discussion about naming of a Right of Way, an Elected Member suggested that the Town move away from using nurses and midwives names and that other names, such as aboriginal names, should be used.

In this instance it is recommended that Council approve the use of the name "Iceworks Lane" and that the Geographic Names Committee be requested to approve the name "Iceworks Lane" for the subject Right of Way.

"Iceworks Lane" is suggested as a name for the Right of Way in recognition of the iceworks which existed in the area. Newspaper advertisements from the late 1940's show that Victoria Park Ice and Cold Storage was located at 860 Albany Highway, Victoria Park, which is the property where the East Victoria Park IGA store, Tao Japanese Sushi Train and Tutti Frutti Frozen Yogurt stores are now located. The owners of the iceworks were the Colley family and Hendley Butchers were also located at the same address. Oral history records held by the Local History Librarian provide the following detail:

*Until the widespread use of domestic refrigerators in the late 1950s, perishable food was kept fresh in ice chests kept cool by the regular supply of ice blocks. In Victoria Park most homes were supplied with ice from the Victoria Park Ice and Cold Storage owned by the Colley family. Ernest Colley had begun the ice works in 1925 in partnership with Bruce Hendley.*

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*Bruce Hendley ... had a butcher shop right at the site where the ice works finished up being ... my Dad had a cutting cart, and he apparently used to get the meat off Hendley and he would go out and deliver meat around with this cutting cart ... they realised that there was a need for ice and they built a bit of an ice plant at the back.(from John Colley)*

CLHWG has not met recently and there has been no opportunity to date for CLHWG to formally review the current request. However, as indicated above under Policy Implications, whilst there has been no meeting of CLHWG to consider the request, comments received from members of CLHWG are supportive of the name "Iceworks Lane" being applied to the subject Right of Way

It is recommended that the Geographic Names Committee be requested to approve the name "Iceworks Lane" for the subject Right of Way.

**CONCLUSION:**

It is recommended that the name "Iceworks Lane" be submitted to the Geographic Names Committee for approval.

**RESOLVED:**

**Moved: Cr Potter**

**Seconded: Cr Hayes**

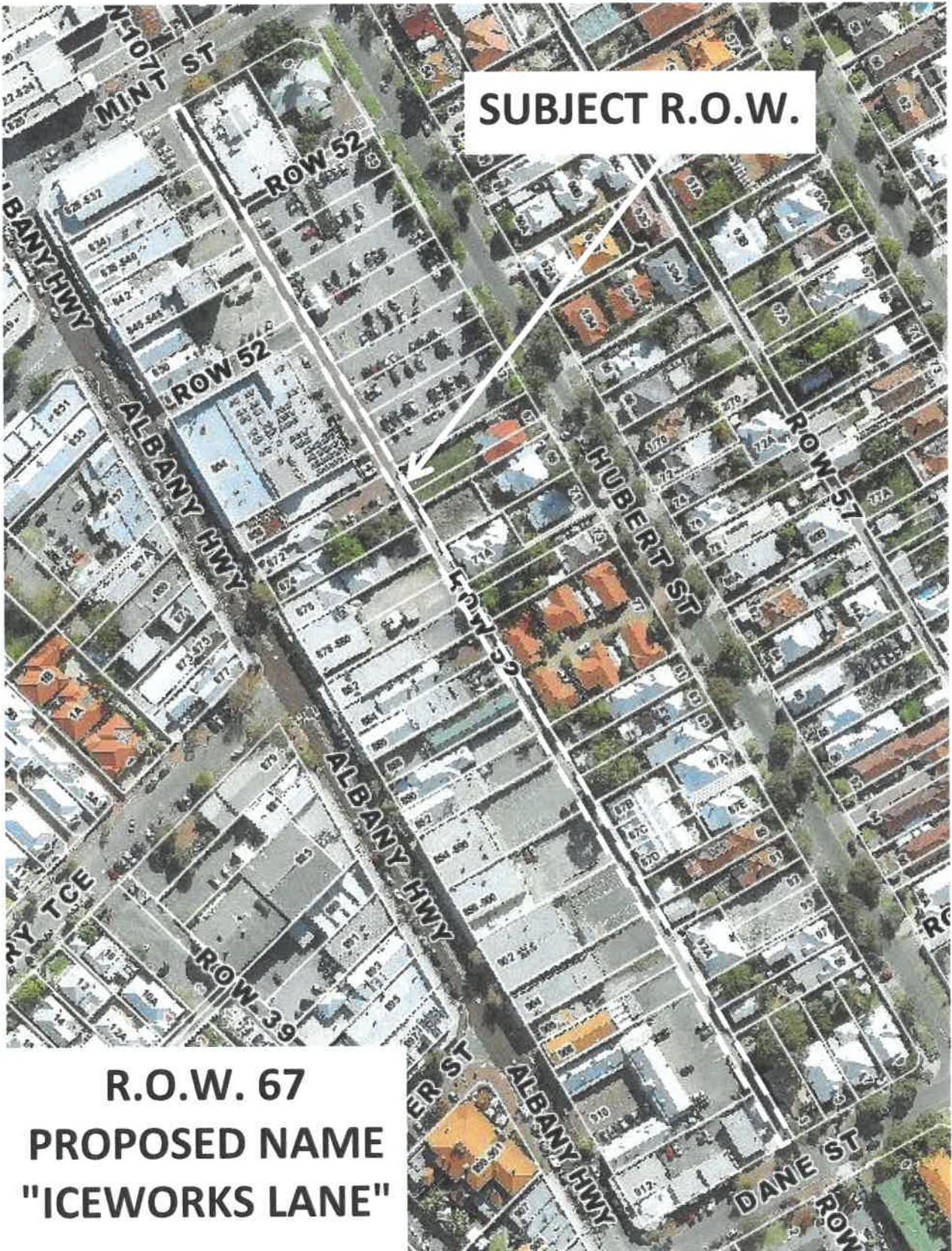
**The Geographic Names Committee be requested to approve the name "Iceworks Lane" to be applied to the Right of Way bounded by Albany Highway, Dane Street, Hubert Street and Mint Street, East Victoria Park.**

**The Motion was Put and**

**CARRIED (9-0)**

**In favour of the Motion: Mayor Vaughan; Cr Anderson; Cr Bissett; Cr Hayes; Cr Maxwell; Cr Nairn; Cr Oliver; Cr Potter and Cr Windram**

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**R.O.W. 67  
PROPOSED NAME  
"ICEWORKS LANE"**