

Briefing Note
Fort McMurray International Airport
"Naming of Roads"

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Issue: The FMAA is undergoing significant infrastructure growth with the development of a new terminal building and a corresponding road network. To effect appropriate emergency response, delivery of goods and visitor/business access it is essential to establish road/street names and subsequent addresses for easy reference.

Current Status: Presently there are no addresses assigned to existing tenants. A post office box is provided in the North Terminal for most tenants. Some Tenants have building numbers on the front of their facilities as their only means of identification but have no formal address assigned.

Key Considerations:

- Tenants that reside in the North (old) and Main (new) Terminals will continue to retain a post office box number for direct mail.
- The existing and new network of roads require naming which will permit addresses be assigned to each tenant facility.
- In formalizing road/street names emergency response and delivery of cargo/parcels and visitor/business access will be enhanced.

Comments: A proposal was submitted by the FMAA to the Community Identification Committee (CIC) of the Community Development Planning Department of the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo requesting the following (refer to map attached):

- The existing road from the intersection at highway 69 leading to the North (old) Terminal, known as Airport Road, be renamed "**Snow Eagle Drive**";
- The new road leading from the first roundabout off of the new highway 69 airport access road be named "**Snowbird Way**";
- The road connecting the new highway 69 airport access to Snow Eagle Drive and into the new Saline Creek development and beyond be named "Saline Creek Parkway";
- The new east access road to new airport development property be named "**Golden Hawk Road**".

Rationale for Names: The Board of the FMAA approved the selection of names that were appropriate to the local area and those that also had significant aviation relevance.

"Snow Eagle Drive": Punch Dickins was honored as a pioneer of Canada's rich aviation heritage. In the North, Punch was christened "The Snow Eagle" and "Canada's Sky Explorer."

"Snow Bird Way": Snowbirds are synonymous with the Canadian Forces Aerobatic Team and with those folks flying south. A Tutor aircraft, which is flown by the Snowbirds today, will be mounted on a pedestal on the inner roundabout of this road.

"Golden Hawk Road": The Golden Hawks were a Royal Canadian Air Force aerobatic flying team established in 1959 to celebrate the 35th anniversary of the RCAF.

The Community Identification Committee accepted / approved the naming of these roads at a Committee meeting held February 26, 2014.

Recommendation:

- **Council ratify the naming of these roads as recommended/approved by the Community Identification Committee.**

Attachment: FMAA Road Map with Names