



SUBJECT	Recommendations from the Naming Committee (May 18, 2023)
SUBMITTED TO	People, Community & International Committee
MEETING DATE	June 14, 2023
SESSION CLASSIFICATION	Recommended session criteria from Board Meetings Policy: OPEN
REQUEST	Action requested - Final approval IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the People, Community and International Committee, in accordance with authority delegated from the Board of Governors, approves the following Class 1 Facility Naming Recommendation from the Naming Committee: The UBC Okanagan Campus project currently referred to as the Interdisciplinary Collaboration and Innovation (ICI) Building be named: ǰəl sic snpaǰnwixʷtn
LEAD EXECUTIVE	Robin Ciceri, VP External Relations
SUPPORTED BY	Michael White, Associate Vice-President Campus + Community Planning

The subject matter of this submission has not previously been considered by the People, Community & International Committee.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Board of Governors’ Policy #GA6 ‘Naming’ establishes policies and procedures for approving names for campus facilities. The President forwards Class 1 facility naming recommendations from the Naming Committee to the Board of Governors for approval. The Naming Committee may recommend that a facility be named to reflect its use, to honour someone associated with the University, or to recognize a donor.

The Naming Committee considered a Class 1 Facility naming request from the Office of Campus Planning, that the new interdisciplinary building on the UBC Okanagan Campus, be named **ǰəl sic snpaǰnwixʷtn**. The building will symbolize and cultivate UBC Okanagan’s substantive commitment to Truth and Reconciliation and partnerships with the Syilx Okanagan Nation and will be home to the Interior Salish language fluency programs and the Centre for Contemporary Interior Salishan Studies.

On January 30, 2023, Syilx Okanagan and UBC Okanagan representatives gathered for a name-giving ceremony where nsyilxcn language speakers gifted UBC Okanagan a nsyilxcn name for the building. The breakdown and meaning of the nsyilxcn name **ǰəl sic snpaǰnwixʷtn** is as follows:

- ǰəl** for the purpose of
- sic** new/innovation
- snpaǰnwixʷtn** inside this place of enlightening each other collaboratively

ǰəl sic is for the purpose of making new things, innovating new things. And then the second part - **snpaǰnwiǰ^wtn** – describes the building itself, where people would work together to enlighten and inform each other through adding new thinking.

The following is a link to a video clip of the Naming Ceremony including pronunciation by nsyilxcn language speakers: [Name-giving ceremony](#)

The Naming Committee considered the naming request and resolved to recommend the proposal to the President for referral to the Board of Governors for approval.

SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS (optional reading for Governors)

1. Site and renderings

Site Context Map



Figure 2 - Area Context  Project Building Site  Future Buildings  Future Landscape  Campus Places 

Building Renderings

