



**CITY of NOVI CITY COUNCIL**

**Agenda Item 5  
March 21, 2011**

**SUBJECT:** Adoption of resolution to rename Arena Drive as Nick Lidstrom Drive.

**SUBMITTING DEPARTMENT:** City Manager's Office

**CITY MANAGER APPROVAL:** 

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

The City has an opportunity to rename the public road leading to the Novi Ice Area from "Arena Drive" to "Nick Lidstrom Drive," in order to promote the existence and purpose of the ice arena, to assist the City in its efforts to support youth hockey and skating, and to reflect the importance of the facility to the City's efforts to provide for those activities. The opportunity also gives the City a chance to express appreciation for the unique efforts and abilities of Nicholas Lidstrom not just as a talented and successful professional at the national and international levels of ice hockey, particularly as the Captain of the Detroit Red Wings, but as a Novi resident and parent committed to supporting the arena and youth hockey and skating in the City of Novi as his adopted hometown.

Street names are changed by resolution of City Council pursuant to Section 31-53 of the City Code. Pursuant to Section 31-51 of the City Code, this road name change has been approved by the Street Naming Committee (see Leskun letter dated March 7, 2011). The area property owner most affected by the name change, Community Financial Credit Union, has indicated no objection to the renaming; its new address will be a Novi Road address.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Approval of resolution to rename Arena Drive as Nick Lidstrom Drive.

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Mayor Landry				
Mayor Pro Tem Gatt				
Council Member Fischer				
Council Member Margolis				

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Council Member Mutch				
Council Member Staudt				
Council Member Wrobel				



Date: March 7, 2011  
To: Barb McBeth, Community Development  
From: Richelle Leskun, Community Development  
Subject: Project and Street Naming Committee Meeting  
March 7, 2011

The Project and Street Naming Committee has reviewed the City-initiated request to rename Arena Drive to Nick Lidstrom Drive.

The Committee approves the new street name as requested, pending approval from the Community Federal Credit Union located at 43350 Arena Dr. The meeting minutes indicate that the affected property owners in the area have been notified.

This letter shall serve as your record for the Project and Street Naming Committee's approval. Should you have any questions please contact me.

Thank you,

Richelle Leskun  
Planning Assistant  
Community Development Department  
City of Novi

**CITY OF NOVI**

**COUNTY OF OAKLAND, MICHIGAN**

**RESOLUTION TO CHANGE STREET NAME—**  
**ARENA DRIVE TO NICK LIDSTROM DRIVE**

Minutes of a \_\_\_\_\_ Meeting of the City Council of the City of Novi,  
County of Oakland, Michigan, held in the City Hall in said City on \_\_\_\_\_, 2011,  
at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock P.M. Prevailing Eastern Time.

PRESENT: Councilmembers \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

ABSENT: Councilmembers \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

The following preamble and Resolution were offered by Councilmember \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ and supported by Councilmember \_\_\_\_\_.

WHEREAS, the City owns and operates the Novi Ice Arena near Nine Mile and Novi  
Roads as a community recreation facility and to encourage youth and adult interest in ice-related  
sporting activities, particularly ice hockey and figure skating; and

WHEREAS, the City has the good fortune to have support for these endeavors from the  
entire community; and

WHEREAS, the City is particularly fortunate to have as a resident of the City, as a  
supporter of the Novi Hockey Club and Novi youth hockey, and as a dedicated fundraiser for  
youth activities a longtime member and the Captain of the Detroit Red Wings Hockey Club—  
and a future Hall of Famer—Nicholas (Nick) Lidstrom; and

WHEREAS, the name of the public road currently providing access to the Novi Ice  
Arena is called “Arena Drive”; and

WHEREAS, the City Council believes that renaming the existing public street “Nick Lidstrom Drive” would serve to promote the existence and purpose of the facility, would assist the City in its efforts to support youth hockey and skating, and would reflect the importance of the facility to the City’s efforts to provide for those activities; and

WHEREAS, renaming the street to Nick Lidstrom Drive would also give the City the opportunity to recognize and honor the professional achievements, at both national and international level, of a “hometown hero” whose unique position within and support of the City is proud to acknowledge; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the area of Arena Drive, as shown on the attached location map, shall be changed to Nick Lidstrom Drive.

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSTENTIONS:

ABSENT:

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

\_\_\_\_\_  
MARYANNE CORNELIUS, CITY CLERK

**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a Resolution adopted by the City Council of the City of Novi at \_\_\_\_\_ meeting held this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2011.

\_\_\_\_\_  
MARYANNE CORNELIUS, CITY CLERK

Email messages confirming street name change from **Novi Sports Club** and **Community Financial Credit Union**

----- Original Message -----

From: Mark Pinchoff [<mailto:mpinchoff@thesportsclubs.com>]

Sent: Tuesday, March 08, 2011 09:51 AM

To: Lindberg, Tom

Subject: Arena Drive name change!

Tom,

Thanks for the call yesterday. I am OK with the decision to change the name of Arena drive. Attached is the estimated costs to my business for the change. You mentioned that the change could happen as early as March 24th. Can you have someone from the city contact when plans are finalized so I can prepare with the post office and order replacement materials.

Please let me know you received this email.

Thanks

Mark  
Novi Sports Club

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**From:** Sarah Cousineau [<mailto:scousineau@cfcu.org>]

**Sent:** Tuesday, March 15, 2011 4:40 PM

**To:** Walsh, Sheryl

**Cc:** Randy Penner; Diane Kenny; Liz Houston

**Subject:** Address Change

Sheryl,

This email will confirm that Community Financial will move our address to 23890 Novi Rd. effective March 24, 2011. Thank you for handling things with the City and post office. Let me know if there is anything else you need from me on your end. Thanks.

Sarah Cousineau  
Manager/Marketing  
ph 734 582-8874  
fax 734 582-8875

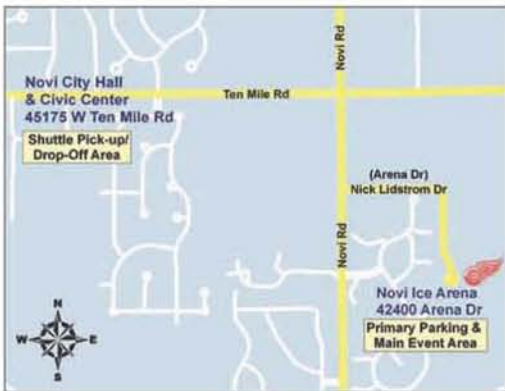


# TAKE A RIDE DOWN...



...AS NOVI HONORS OUR  
HOMETOWN HERO WITH A  
STREET RE-NAMING CEREMONY.

**THURSDAY, MARCH 24**  
**5:30 PM**  
**NOVI ICE ARENA**



**Novi**  
ICE ARENA



## What a Drive!

### City of Novi to honor Nicklas Lidstrom by renaming street

By Bill Roose - DetroitRedWings.com Managing Editor

DETROIT – His name appears on the Stanley Cup four times, he's won the Norris Trophy six times, and last week, The Hockey News called him a "freak of nature" in a seven-page cover story.

Now, the man who has accomplished everything in his sport, will have a suburban Detroit street renamed in his honor.

The city of Novi plans to pay tribute to Red Wings captain Nicklas Lidstrom, who resides in the Oakland County community during the hockey season, by renaming the stretch of road that leads up to Novi Ice Arena.

Arena Drive, a short, winding road off of Novi Road, south of West 10 Mile Road, will be renamed Nick Lidstrom Drive.

"I'm truly honored to be recognized like that and to have a street named after me," Lidstrom said. "I know where's it's going to be right near the Novi Ice Arena. ... I've had all four of my kids play hockey through that association."

The new street sign will be unveiled during a dedication ceremony on March 24.

Lidstrom will join former teammate Steve Yzerman as the only Red Wings to be recognized with a local street name.

Upon learning of the Novi honor, Wings forward Tomas Holmstrom, who often car-pulls with Lidstrom to Joe Louis Arena, was excited for his friend.

"So now I have to see it every day when I drive by it?" asked Holmstrom with a laugh. "Oh well, that's OK. Good for him."

Wings center, and Livonia native Mike Modano knows a thing or two about having an association with something significant – like a city street – named for himself. His name is on the Mike Modano Ice Arena in suburban Westland, Mich.

"It's never going to go away, and they can never take it away from you," Modano said. "It's something that will be there forever. It's a great honor. If I had a nickel for everybody who has come up to me and said that they've skated there this year, it would be a big response."

Even though Modano has won his share of awards, and a Stanley Cup with Dallas in 1999, having his name affixed to a building for posterity will always be special.

"I think the rink was more honorable than the Cup," Modano said. "Cups come and go, but the rink and that street name will be there for good."

When originally approached about the street by city officials, it was overwhelming, Lidstrom said.

"First, I was like, 'Wow! They would do that for me?' " he said. "It was that kind of feeling, but then it quickly turned to being an honor."