

THINKING ABOUT NAMES

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ANSWERS:

Broadway Avenue: How do you think Broadway Avenue got its name?

Broadway Ave. - Building in early Saskatoon was divided into three small villages (Nutana, Saskatoon, Riversdale). The main streets in two of the villages selected “fancy” names to lure customers their way. Broadway is named after Broadway in New York – famous then for stories, plays, and songs. New York’s Broadway continues to be one of the most famous streets in the world.

What type of building was named after John Lake? An elementary school was named after John Lake.

Spadina Crescent: Was likely named after Spadina in Toronto. Why do you think this might be?

Many of the settlers came to the Saskatoon area from Toronto. It is suggested that the settlers used street names from their previous hometowns.

Temperance Street: What do you think this street was named after?

Temperance Street - Saskatoon was founded by the Temperance Colonization Society. The society strived to create a place “where settlers might protect themselves, their families, and their friends from alcoholic abuses.” By 1899, the first bar was license in Saskatoon and the Temperance Colonization Society’s dream had come to an end.