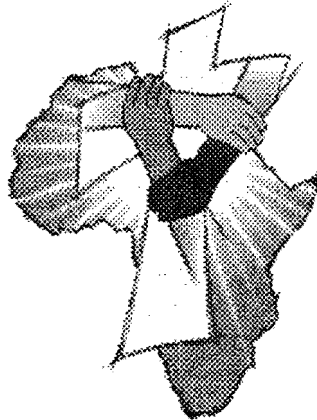


CAPE PENINSULA TRANSFORMATION



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28 February 2012

The Chairperson: Western Cape Provincial Geographical Names Committee
Attention: Ms Anita van der Merwe
3rd Floor Protea Assurance Building
Greenmarket Square
CAPE TOWN

Hifa leMveli leNtshona Koloni
Erfenis Wes-Kaap
Heritage Western Cape

1 MAR 2012

Anita van der Merwe

Dear Mr MacPherson

APPLICATION FOR NAME CHANGE OF DEVIL'S PEAK TO WINDBERG OR DUIWEKOP

Enclosed please find my application for the change of the name of Devil's Peak to one of its earlier names such as Windberg or Duiwekop. A copy of this application has been submitted to the City of Cape Town which is the relevant local authority.

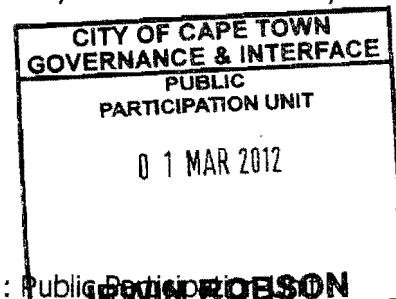
I have discussed this proposed name change with a number of other bodies and I have received universal support. I anticipate that you will set in motion a process of consultation with interested parties to facilitate the transformation process as outlined in your handbook. I look forward to cooperating with you in this process.

Kindly advise me whether there are any further formal requirements from your side or whether you will drive the process from here on.

Yours sincerely

Rev. Barry Isaacs

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CC : Public Participation
City of Cape Town
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SA GEOGRAPHICAL NAMES COUNCIL

SUBMISSION OF NAMES FOR CONSIDERATION

- Proposed name: Windberg / Duiwekop.....
- Previous name:..... Devil's Peak.....
- Date received:.....February 2012.....
- Applicant (name / address / affiliation):Rev Barry Isaacs.....
...94 Dick Burton Street, Plumstead.....
...Chairman of Transformation Africa.....
- Reason for application (e.g. new / change / spelling / etc)...The name Devil's Peak is an insult to Cape Town. The majestic mountain which stands in the heart of Cape Town should have a better name. A full motivation and copies of old maps on which the names Windberg, Duiwekop and Sugar Loaf can be seen are annexed hereto.
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- Feature (e.g. mountain / town / etc):.....mountain.....
- Location (co-ordinates):.....
- Location (province and magistrate's district).....Western Cape Province.....
.....Cape Town Magistrate's Court district.....
- Language of name:.... English and Afrikaans.....
- Meaning / origin of name:See the motivation annexed hereto.
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- Consultation (add attachment of full record):
 - With whom (e.g. organisation / committees):.....
..Western Cape Religious Leaders' Forum...(WCRLF).....
..Consultation of Christian Churches (CCC).....
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 - When:....I consulted with the working group of the WCRLF in November 2011.
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...I Consulted with the executive of the CCC also in November 2011.....
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○ Where:.....

...I consulted with WCRLF at their office in Zonnebloem, Cape Town.....

...I consulted with the CCC at their offices in Vlei Street, Bellville.....

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○ Outcome:.....

...Both consultations were positive, with both bodies supporting the name change.

.....I will continue to discuss the name change with both the WCRLF and the CCC and a full record of their resolutions or decisions will be made available.....

...I will also continue to consult with other bodies who support the name change.

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● Checked for:

○ Duplication:.....

○ Confusion:.....

○ Spelling:.....

○ Pronunciation:.....

● Outstanding issues:.....

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● Recommendation of council:.....

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VARIOUS NAMES THROUGH HISTORY FOR DEVIL'S PEAK

There have been many names for the mountain now known as Devil's Peak. This list is not fully comprehensive. There may have been other names. There are also nicknames for the mountain such as "Die Klipman".

1. **Hoerikwaggo** – Mountains of the Sea – is an ancient Khoi name, referring to the whole mountain range, Table Mountain, Devil's Peak and the Twelve Apostles as well.
2. **Herbert's Mount** (Sir Thomas Herbert, English 1638)
3. **Windberg**, appears on maps in Jan van Riebeck's time (eg Johan Nieuhof, Dutch, 1682), also Mont du Vent (De La Loubiere, French, 1691)
4. **Duiwekop**, appears on the map showing the first Vrijburgher settlements of the Liesbeek River, as the name from the Newlands side only. Windberg appears as the name on the other side.
5. **Charles Mount** or **Crown Hill** (John Sellar, English, 1675)
6. **The Sugar Loaf** (Thomas Bowen, English, 1777)
7. **Umlindi Wemingizimu** or The Watcher of the South, a Xhosa name referring to the whole mountain range.
8. **Devil's Peak** or Teuffelsberg

At the time of Van Riebeck and subsequent governors at the Cape the most common name on the maps was Windberg. Those familiar with the way the South Easter blows down the mountain will have little difficulty understanding why it was so named.

The story of how the name was changed is well known to Capetonians. Van Hunks was a hunter working for Governor Willem Adriaen van der Stel. He disappeared for some time and then returned to Cape Town. But he returned as a well dressed rich man with a seaman's chest full of money. He also had a stash of strong tobacco. He would climb a short way up Windberg, probably in the area of District 6, and smoke his pipe and watching the shipping.

One day a tall stranger dressed in black approached Van Hunks and challenged him to a smoking contest. According to the legend the smoking contest lasted three days. They blew up so much smoke that it formed a cloud on the mountain. At the end of the third day the stranger was in difficulty and cried out "Van Hunks, you have managed to do what St Michael and all his angels could not do!" With that his hat and boots exploded into flame and exposed the horns and hooves of the devil. Van Hunks exclaimed, "You are the devil." "Yes", said the devil, "And you now come with me." Van Hunks was never seen again. Although the devil had lost the contest, he still took Van Hunks.

To this day, when they see the cloud forming on Table Mountain Capetonians will say “the devil and van Hunks are smoking.”

The legendary pirate, Van Hunks, is unknown to history and it is most unlikely that there was any smoking contest, but look at the old maps and you will see Windberg and the other old names. Look on a map or road sign today and you will see Devil’s Peak. It is a historical fact that the name of the mountain changed.

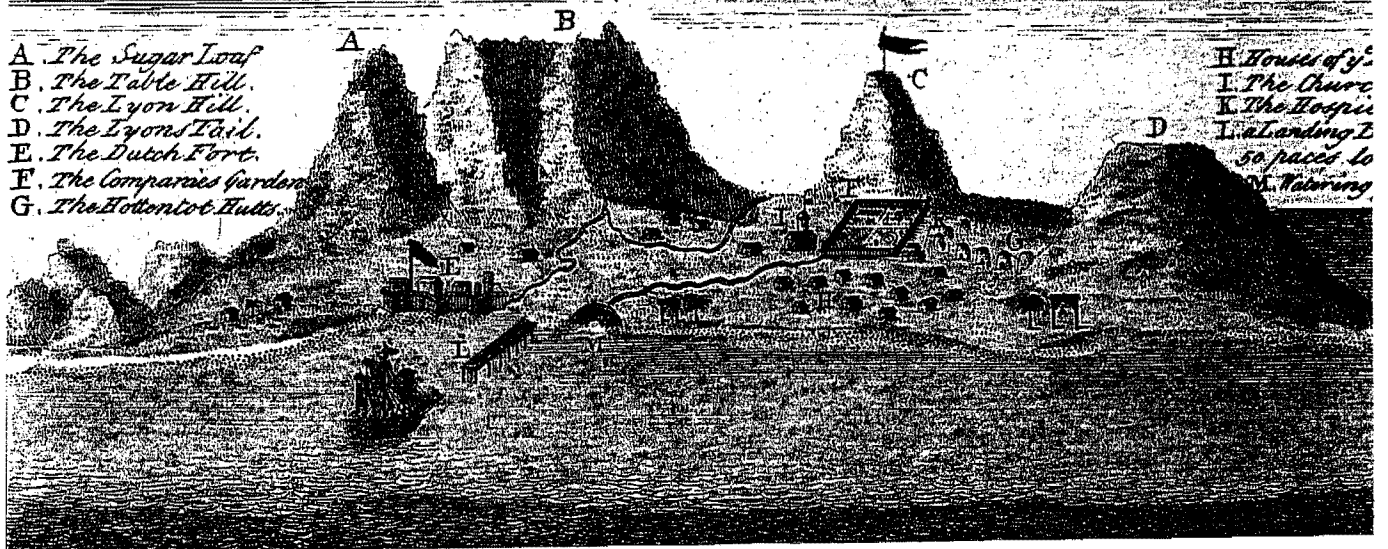
The story was first recorded by Ian D Colvin in *The Romance of South Africa*, who says that the story originated amongst the Muslim slaves in the Bo Kaap area. It is interesting that he records the incident as taking place during the rule of Governor W A van der Stel, the only governor in Cape Town to have been removed from office after the complaints of corruption which were made by Adam Tas and others. It was as if the Muslim slaves could see the Dutch East India Company regime for what it was. When the governor is corrupt the pirates come to town. They bring with them their ill gotten gains and smoke with the devil.

What was in that pipe? Witpyp? Groenpyp? Tikpyp?

On the slopes of this beautiful mountain stand our parliament, a major hospital, a university and numerous schools. The name of the mountain not only honours the devil, it is also a monument to corruption.

The name should be changed.

Prospect of the *CAPE* of *GOOD HOPE*.



- A. *The Sugar Loaf*
- B. *The Table Hill.*
- C. *The Lyon Hill.*
- D. *The Lyons Tail.*
- E. *The Dutch Fort.*
- F. *The Companies garden.*
- G. *The Hottentot Huts.*

- H. *Houses of y^e*
- I. *The Church*
- K. *The Hospice*
- L. *a Landing E*
- M. *50 paces to*
- N. *Watering*

PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT OF THE WESTERN CAPE
DEPARTMENT OF THE PREMIER
CHIEF DIRECTORATE: LEGAL SERVICES

TO : H DU PREEZ
FROM : JULIAN THOPS

RE: ADEQUATE CONSULTATION

There is a Constitutional obligation to involve the public by affording people a meaningful opportunity to be heard and participate in public affairs. Public participation informs the public what is to be expected, allowing them to express concerns, fears, support and even demands. The following principles/factors are relevant when considering the issue of adequate facilitation of public participation:

- Timely notice to the public of the public participation process;
- Notices must be communicated/distributed widely via various channels such as newspapers, notice boards etc.
- Ample time to respond to the notice with representations must be given;
- Sufficient information about the subject matter must be made available to the public;
- People must be afforded an effective and fair opportunity to present written or oral representations;
- Open hearings to be accessible in terms of location and time;
- Notice of the public participation must be given to *inter alia* the following groups -
 - identifiable group directly affected;
 - target group;
 - interest groups;
 - affected groups.
- The cost and speed to make a decision may have a bearing on the process (cost saving and time does not justify inadequate opportunity for public participation);
- Process must be transparent;

- Public participation can be achieved through different methods and innovation will often be required;
- Public involvement and what it advocates do not necessarily determine the outcome;
- Reasonable decisions must be made supported by good reasons;
- There is a reasonableness enquiry to determine whether there was effective public participation by taking into account the nature of the subject matter under consideration and the public participation methods used.

Julian Thops

Acting Director: Legal Advisory Services

Date: