



## Committee of the Whole Report

Report Number PLAN2020-042

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**Meeting Date:** September 1, 2020

**Title:** New Road Names for Portions of Old Highway 7 at Meadowview Road

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### Recommendations:

**That** Report PLAN2020-042, **New Road Names for Portions of Old Highway 7 at Meadowview Road**, be received;

**That** the new service road (formerly Highway 7) created by the Ministry of Transportation north of Meadowview Road with its realignment of Highway 7 in the former Township of Emily be renamed to **(select one)**:

- Guiry Court
- McCumber Court
- McQuade Court; or
- Switzer Court

**That** the new service road (formerly Highway 7) created by the Ministry of Transportation south of Meadowview Road with its realignment of Highway 7 in the former Township of Emily be renamed to **(select one)**:

- Guiry Place or Road
- McCumber Place or Road
- McQuade Place or Road; or
- Switzer Place or Road

**That** the Office of the City Clerk send notice to all affected parties regarding the renaming of the service roads in accordance with the Notice By-law;

**Department Head:**\_\_\_\_\_

**Financial/Legal/HR/Other:**\_\_\_\_\_

**Chief Administrative Officer:**\_\_\_\_\_

**That** subject to any significant objections raised from the affected parties in the notice period, that a by-law to rename both service roads be prepared, approved, and adopted by Council; and

**That** this recommendation be brought forward to Council for consideration at the next Regular Council Meeting.

## **Background:**

On July 17, 2020, the Ministry of Transportation contacted the Office of the City Clerk requesting new road names and an addressing plan for 2 portions of Old Highway 7 at Meadowview Road. The correspondence and map from the Ministry is attached to this report as Appendix A.

According to Policy 108 CCS 012 (Highway, Facility, and Parking Naming Policy), all requests for renaming will be forwarded to Council through the Clerk's Office accompanied by a report from the appropriate department of the Naming Group. The Policy also states that the costs of renaming shall be borne by the individual or group requesting the change. This report will include an outline of the request, any costs associated with the request and a justification for the reasons behind the request. This report addresses that direction.

This report requests the Committee of the Whole to recommend a name for both sections of the 2 portions of Old Highway 7 now service roads. Once names have been recommended, the City Clerk's Office will send out appropriate notice (as per the requirements of the Notice By-law) to all affected parties, for a recommended adoption by by-law at the October 20, 2020 Regular Council Meeting.

## **Rationale:**

The Ministry of Transportation (MTO) is near completion of a construction project at the intersection of Highway 7, Meadowview Road, and Lily Lake Road in the Township of Selwyn. This project involves the realignment of Highway 7 to the east of its current location and installing traffic control signals at the intersection with Lily Lake Road / Meadowview Road. This realignment of Highway 7 will reduce the number of private entrances with direct access to the provincial highway. Access to these entrances and to Emily Manor Drive will be maintained along the "old" Highway 7 alignment, which will be maintained as service roads to access the affected properties. There are two service roads created by this project, one north of Meadowview Road, and one south of Meadowview Road. The realigned portion of Highway 7 has been open to public travel since the end of July 2020 and the contractor is decommissioning the old portion of Highway 7.

To identify these service roads on new road signs and for 911 identification and emergency response, the MTO requires a by-law from the municipality identifying the road name and 911 address numbers. As all addresses being issued along the service roads will be on the Kawartha Lakes side of the boundary line with the Township of Selwyn, the City has been asked to supply potential street names and addresses. The Kawartha Lakes Clerk's Office has notified the Township of Selwyn's Clerk's Office of the upcoming changes, and the Township noted no objections to the City of Kawartha Lakes renaming the service roads, or the four potential names referenced below.

The MTO has been in direct contact with the following services to ensure that the new roadway configuration is understood and that service to the affected properties will continue uninterrupted until the renaming process is complete:

- City of Kawartha Lakes Police
- City of Kawartha Lakes Paramedic Service
- City of Kawartha Lakes Fire Department
- Canada Post
- Kawartha Lakes OPP Detachment
- OPP Orillia Communications Centre

## Potential New Road Names

According to City Policy, when considering new names the following criteria should be considered:

- Names shall be easily spelled, read and clearly understood;
- Names shall be made up of only letters with no punctuation included;
- Names shall not sound similar to existing names;
- Names shall not duplicate existing names to the extent that only the suffix is changed (ie. Street versus Road);
- Streets shall not be named after existing businesses;
- Names shall not insinuate any political reference;
- Names which are discriminatory/derogatory in terms of race, sex, colour or creed shall be avoided;
- Names of former streets shall not be reused; and
- Continuous streets shall have one continuous name.

In keeping with policy, staff have consulted the Master Name List, which is comprised of various names of prominent citizens, where no named facility or street yet exists. For the area comprised of the former Township of Emily, four names exist on the Master Name List for consideration:

- Guiry
- McCumber
- McQuade; and
- Switzer

Initial research of the area shows no existing street or road names in Kawartha Lakes or in the neighbouring Township of Selwyn of the above four names. The City's Records and Archives Division performed some preliminary research on the potential names and noted the following:

Daniel Joseph **Guiry** was Reeve of Emily Township Council from 1935 - 1938 and Warden for the County of Victoria 1939. His son was a sergeant in the RCAF.

Don **McCumber** was the Reeve of Emily Township from 1979 - 1987, Warden for the County of Victoria 1986. As Reeve in 1979, he spearheaded an evening at Fleming College to discuss the pros and cons of Bill 17 (Line Fences

Amendment Act) and was mentioned in the remarks of the Legislative Assembly of Ontario for doing so. He also was Professor at Fleming College from 1971 - 2003, has been involved with the Canadian Cadet Organizations since 1961, and served as President of the Army Cadet League of Canada Ontario Branch. Mr. McCumber is a recipient of the Queen's Golden and Diamond Jubilee Medals. It is believed that Mr. McCumber used to live on the nearby Meadowview Road, and is a current resident of Nova Scotia.

Arthur **McQuade** was born in Cavan, Ireland in 1817 and was an early settler to the Township of Emily in 1837. He married Susannah Trotter in 1841 and was a schoolmaster for 15 years before entering politics. He was a lieutenant in the county militia and served on Emily Township Council from 1862 - 1873 first as Deputy Reeve then Reeve. He also represented the former riding of "Victoria South" in the House of Commons from 1874 - 1882. Although he was County Master for the Orange Lodge, as a Protestant, McQuade was elected to Parliament with mainly Catholic votes as "An indication of the good relations that existed between different communities in the region" (Murphy, Daniel 2000 - A History of Irish emigrant and Missionary Education Four Courts Press p. 282). According to the Fenelon Falls Gazette June 3, 1882 he would have run again but was "unceremoniously thrust aside by other conservatives, who wished the riding to be represented by a resident of the county town." Emily residents were said to be "hopping" as he was "not only popular on account of his politics, for he has a genial, hearty manner that makes friends, and has been a public benefactor by his investment in improved stock".

William Christopher **Switzer** (January 29, 1853 - September 7, 1926) was Reeve of the Township of Emily in 1892 and 1896. He married Letitia A. Storey in March 25, 1884. It is believed he was a farmer in the community. The Switzer family is documented as part of the original Peter Robinson Settlers to the area.

Regarding appropriate road name suffixes, the type of road determines the appropriate suffix. Staff have determined that the southern service road should be defined as a major thoroughfare originally located in a rural setting, or as a cul-de-sac with a long entry. The northern service road should be defined as a cul-de-sac with a short entry. According to section 2.03 of the policy the following road name suffixes are appropriate to use for the southern portion (which also provides access to Emily Manor Drive):

- Place; or
- Road

According to section 2.03 of the policy the following road name suffixes are appropriate to use for the northern portion:

- Court

An addressing scheme for numbering will be prepared once names have been selected by the Committee of the Whole, and it will be sent out with the Notice to the affected parties following the meeting. Approximately three (3) properties will be readdressed on the northern portion, and ten (10) properties will be re-addressed on the southern portion.

Due to the number of reasonable options available for City Council to select, staff are agreeable to have the Committee of the Whole recommend two of the above four vetted options from the Master Naming List.

### **Other Alternatives Considered:**

Although City Council may opt to select a name not from the Master Naming List, this is not recommended as it would deviate from City Policy. However, another proposal could be considered if that name is eligible to be on the Master Naming List but is not currently there. The final notice and consultation would allow for final comments from interested parties before the October 20, 2020 Regular Council Meeting, should another name be considered.

Naming the service roads “Old Highway 7” is not recommended as addressing on numbered roads presents numerous future addressing challenges. The City Clerk’s Office noted that several alternate versions of Highway 7 addresses were discovered on the Voters’ List in the 2018 Municipal Election (such as: HWY 7, ON-7, Highway 7, Highway Seven, Ontario Number 7, etc.) and required corrections. Simple and consistent naming would also improve discoverability on future mapping systems used by Paramedics, Fire Departments, Police, and the public. Considering the numerous consistency issues, it is recommended that the service roads be renamed with a completely new name that does not include a number.

A resident suggested to Councillor Richardson the name “Emily Lane”, however this is not recommended as the City already has the following duplicate or similar names in use:

- Emily Court
- Emily Creek Road
- Emily Manor Drive
- Emily Park Road
- Emily Street North

### **Alignment to Strategic Priorities**

The Kawartha Lakes Strategic Plan 2020-2023 promotes “An Exceptional Quality of Life” as a strategic priority. Section 5 of this priority establishes Community Building as a priority which is inclusive of supporting and promoting arts, culture and heritage. Selecting a name with historic and heritage significance supports this section of the Strategic Plan.

### **Financial/Operation Impacts:**

The Ministry of Transportation stated the following regarding the ownership and responsibility of the service roads: “The Ministry intends to retain ownership of the “existing” Highway 7 for the immediate future. However, at some point in the future the Ministry may want to have discussions with CKL regarding potential

road ownership transfers of this or other sites within your municipal boundaries.”. As this is currently a provincial project, the costs associated with the renaming remain the responsibility of the Ministry of Transportation at this time.

### **Consultations:**

Manager of Planning  
Mapping and GIS  
City Clerk's Office  
Ministry of Transportation  
Township of Selwyn

### **Attachments:**

Appendix A – Initial Correspondence and Map from MTO



Appendix A.pdf

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