



Council Report

Report Number: CLK2024-004
Meeting Date: December 10, 2024
Title: **Naming of Two Service Roads in the area of Riverwood Park Road and Highway 35**
Description: Proposal to Name Streets Wagstaff Road and Homestead Drive
Author and Title: Joel Watts, Deputy Clerk

Recommendation(s):

That Report CLK2024-004, **Naming of Two Service Roads in the area of Riverwood Park Road and Highway 35**, be received;

That the new service road being a northerly extension of Homestead Drive created by the Ministry of Transportation north of Riverwood Park Road in the former Township of Ops be formally named Homestead Drive:

That the new service road created by the Ministry of Transportation west of Highway 35, and east of the northerly extension of Homestead Drive in the former Township of Ops be formally named Wagstaff Road;

That the Office of the City Clerk send notice to all affected parties (including the road owners, being the Ministry of Transportation) regarding the renaming of the service roads in accordance with the Notice By-law;

That subject to any significant objections brought to Council or Committee of the Whole from the affected parties in the notice period, that a by-law to name and readdress any applicable properties on both service roads be prepared, approved, and adopted by Council at the January 28, 2025 Regular Council Meeting; and

That staff be directed to send notice to the Ministry of Transportation requesting that they install appropriate signage for northbound and southbound travelers on Highway 35, and at the intersection of the new Homestead Drive extension, and Wagstaff Road to reflect the new street names, subject to the adoption of the by-law.

Department Head: _____

Financial/Legal/HR/Other: _____

Chief Administrative Officer: _____

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At the Council Meeting of October 22, 2024, Council adopted the following resolution:

CR2024-606

Moved By Deputy Mayor McDonald

Seconded By Councillor Richardson

That the correspondence from Scott Wagstaff, **regarding a Request for the Unnamed Road Accessing Riverwood Park, former Ops Township, to be Named Wagstaff Road**, be received; and

That the request be forwarded to Staff for review and report back on the street naming process to name the unnamed road as Wagstaff Road, pursuant to the City's Street, Municipal Facility and Park Naming Policy.

For a greater historical context, during the period of 2010-2015, the municipality reviewed and approved a realignment of service roads off Highway 35 in the area of Riverwood Park Road, Doubletree Road and Willowdale Court, Ops Township. Over that time period, the following resolutions of Council were adopted:

CR2010-392

Moved by Councillor Yeo, seconded by Councillor Strangway,

Resolved That the presentation by Peter Dillon, Project Manager, Planning and Design Section, Ministry of Transportation and Gordon Krieger, Principal, Transport Ontario, GENIVAR, regarding Highway 35/7 Improvements, be received;

That representatives from GENIVAR come back to Council after the Public Meeting to discuss the proposal and take into consideration the concerns raised today; and

That Public Works staff report back on the assumption of Doubletree Road and Riverwood Park Road by the City.

CR2010-857

Moved by Councillor Villemaire, seconded by Councillor Hodgson,

Resolved That Report PW2010-041, "Notice of Transportation Environmental Study Report (TESR) Highway 7 from KL Road 18 to KL Road 36 Preliminary Design and Class Environmental Assessment Study", be received;

That Council supports the realignment of Doubletree Road and Riverwood Park Road intersection including the immediate installation of traffic signals;

That Council does not support the assumption of the relocated Riverwood Park Road; and

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That Council requires that Ops Drain # 1 (Jennings Creek Tributary) capacity requirements reflect the City's current concerns about flood plain mapping and the impact on the southwest quadrant of Lindsay.

CR2010-1380

Moved by Councillor James, seconded by Councillor Yeo,

Resolved That the Council of the City of Kawartha Lakes objects to the Ministry's revised position with respect to traffic signals at the intersection of Highway 35 and Doubletree/Riverwood Park given the strong community support demonstrated by Council and others during the Environmental Assessment (EA) process, Council has no option left but to ask the Minister of the Environment to re-open the EA process in this regard;

That during the Ministerial review of the TESR addenda Council respectfully ask that the length of the five-lane section be re-examined through specific community input with the intention of reducing the length of the transitional four lane section to three lanes (centre turning lane) in the vicinity of the grain elevator due to safety considerations; and

That the Memorandum from Councillor James Dated December 14, 2010, regarding this matter and the letters from Kawartha Collision Centre, Inc. and Boyer Chevrolet (Lindsay) Ltd., be received.

CR2013-399

Moved by Councillor James, seconded by Councillor O'Reilly

Resolved That Report LM2013-003, "Permission to Construct - Realignment of Doubletree Road, in the geographic Township of Ops, City of Kawartha Lakes", be received;

That Council supports the realignment of Doubletree Road and Riverwood Park Road intersection without traffic signals;

That Council receives the Permission to Construct attached to Report LM2013-003 as Appendix "A";

That Council approves the assumption of Parts 18, 20 and 21, on Plan 57R-9856 along with an additional three meter width along the north sides of these parts once completion of construction and realigned section of Doubletree Road is open to traffic;

That staff be directed to commence the process to have the new section of Doubletree Road renamed to Willowdale Court as shown on Appendix "E" attached to Report LM2013-003;

That the City of Kawartha Lakes reiterates to the Ministry of Transportation

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(MTO) its initial concerns with respect to signalization, street lights, speed reduction and monitoring; and

That the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute any documents and agreements required by the approval of this decision.

This report addresses that direction and historical context.

Rationale:

Previously, there was misalignment between the municipality and the Ministry of Transportation (MTO) regarding the future ownership of the newly aligned service roads in the area. As it stands today, the City retains ownership of Doubletree Road, and the new extension of Willowdale Court, and the MTO retains ownership of the new unnamed northerly extension of Homestead Drive and the unnamed service road to the west of Highway 35 fronting the Lindsay Kia dealership.

A map of the area is attached as Appendix A to this report.

The City adopted a resolution (CR2013-399) to correct the naming of the realigned streets that would remain under its ownership (being Willowdale Court and Doubletree Road), but did not take any action for the renaming of the western service roads. Typically, the municipality receives a request from the MTO for street naming where they require names, however, the City has not received a request to name the new service roads. This is unlike the more recent renaming of the service roads in Emily Township off Highway 7 (being Fallaise Court and Cityview Heights) where a formal request from the MTO to name the streets was received by the City following a significant realignment of service roads in that area. Ultimately, this has left residents and guests of Riverwood Park to access the park from two unnamed streets for approximately 10 years.

As noted in the correspondence from Mr. Wagstaff on the October 22, 2024 Regular Council Meeting, this has lead to significant confusion for those accessing the park, as GPS and navigation systems have no street name to read aloud for directions. For example, Google Maps has no name for this road shown on their mapping. Also, no street sign is posted on Highway 35 when travelling southbound, however, a directional sign for northbound travellers directs travelers to use unnamed road to access Riverwood Park Road.

Functionally, if the unnamed road was also to be called "Riverwood Park Road", this would be inconsistent with the principles of the Street and Facility Naming Policy, as that portion of the road would be non-continuous with the remainder of Riverwood Park

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Road, and only accessible to each other via the extension of Homestead Drive. Thus, staff agree with the request of Mr. Wagstaff that the unnamed service road should be formally given a new unique name.

Regarding the selection of names, the City agrees with the proposal of Mr. Wagstaff to name the northern extension of Homestead Drive formally to Homestead Drive. This is consistent with the street naming policy as continuous streets shall have continuous names. It would also allow for a continuation of an additional northerly road extension of this road in the future.

In accordance with policy, the unnamed street west of Highway 35 should be named with a name on the Master Naming List. The name "Wagstaff" was successfully added to the Master Naming List on September 23, 2024, after receiving sufficient support from the Naming Group for the nomination. Due to the community contributions of the Wagstaff family to the area, staff agree to the selection of Wagstaff for the name of the unnamed service road.

Should Council support the naming of the service roads as described in the recommended resolution on this report, a request should be made to the Ministry of Transportation to take appropriate action to implement signage for northbound and southbound travellers on Highway 35, and at the intersection of the two newly named roads. The City's GIS staff can assist with the implementation of the naming on Google Maps, and other open-source mapping solutions.

Other Alternatives Considered:

Other alternatives that could be considered are as follows:

1. Selecting an alternate name other than Wagstaff could also be considered by selecting another name from the Master Naming List. This would still be consistent with the Street Naming Policy. Other names on the list appropriate for the Ops area include:
 - a. Collins
 - b. Endicott
 - c. Gassien
 - d. Hutchinson
 - e. Kirley
 - f. McHugh
 - g. Robertson
 - h. Roche
 - i. Sloan

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2. The City could formalize what appears to be the most possible name in use for the new service roads, being "Riverwood Park Road". However, this is not recommended as this would not be consistent with the Street Naming Policy.

Alignment to Strategic Priorities

Section 2 under "Good Government" of the 2024-2027 Strategic Plan states "Streamline and simplify by-laws, policies and processes". By clarifying the street names in the area by adopted a clear by-law, this will assist fulfilling this strategic priority.

Consultations:

Director of Development Services
Acting Manager of Realty Services
Supervisor of Mapping and GIS
City Clerk

Attachments:

Appendix A – Map of the Area



Appendix A to
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