



Subject: Harvest Heights Subdivision Road Naming

Report Number: OPD 24-041

Department: Operations and Development Department

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Meeting Type: Council Meeting

Meeting Date: Monday, July 8, 2024

RECOMMENDATION

- A. THAT report OPD 24-041 titled “Harvest Heights Subdivision Road Naming” be received as information; and
- B. THAT Council approves “Sergeant Avenue”, “Horton Street”, “Attwater Drive”, “Boyle Street”, “Davidson Street”, “Ledbury Avenue”, “Mansfield Court”, “Esseltine Drive”, “Dereham Drive” and “Grandview Drive” as road names within the Harvest Heights subdivision.

BACKGROUND

Planning Services received a formal request from the developer of the Harvest Heights subdivision for the approval of seven new road names “Sergeant Avenue”, “Horton Street”, “Attwater Drive”, “Boyle Street”, “Davidson Street”, “Ledbury Avenue” and “Mansfield Court” to be used in the subdivision; with “Esseltine Drive”, “Dereham Drive” and “Grandview Drive as extensions of existing road names.

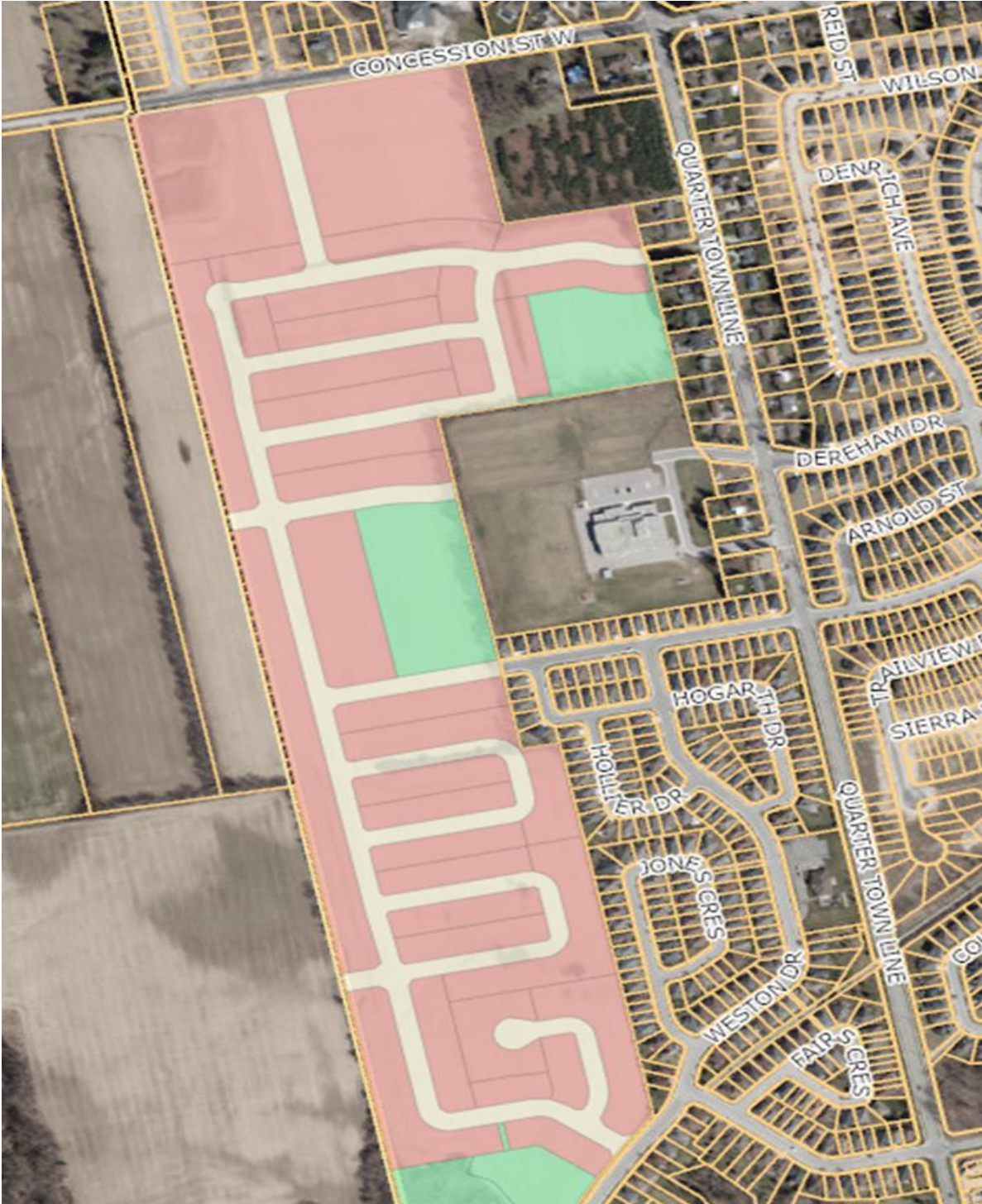
DISCUSSION

The request for approval is required as a Draft Plan of Subdivision condition and verification that the proposed names will meet the requirements of the Road Naming Policy found in By-Law 3553.

The road naming policy identifies that the naming of roads and subdivisions for the municipality should be determined in a manner that incorporates local history, culture and environmental features. In this case, the developer is proposing to use local history by incorporating names of former residents who contributed through community involvement, specifically in education, as well as local service persons.

The following maps identify the location and request.

LOCATION MAP



SUBDIVISION PLAN & PROPOSED STREET NAMES



CONSULTATION

Recreation Programs & Services Manager, Culture and Heritage Program Coordinator and the former Culture and Heritage Manager/Curator were consulted and noted that the proposed road names of “Sergeant Avenue”, “Horton Street”, “Attwater Drive”, “Boyle Street”, “Davidson Street”, “Ledbury Avenue” and “Mansfield Court” meet the section of the Town's policy for road naming and are recognized for the heritage within the community.

Sergeant Avenue is being named in recognition of Sam Sergeant who contributed to the community through his involvement in education. Sam Sergeant was an elected member of the local Public School Board for over 30 years.

Horton Street is being named in recognition of Irv Horton who also contributed to the community through his involvement in education. Irv Horton was principal of both Rolph Street Public School and Maple Lane Public School in the 1960's and was the Superintendent of Education for the Oxford County Board of Education from 1972 to 1990. In addition, Irv Horton was Mayor of Tillsonburg from 2001 to 2003.

The following proposed names are in reference to local services persons, most of whom lost their lives in World War I:

Attwater Drive is being named in recognition of Henry Faulconer Attwater who died in 1914 at the age of 24. Attwater remained at his post under bombardment and was killed by a shell at Plumer Trench. He is buried in Roclincourt Cemetery, France.

Boyle Street is being named in recognition of Frank Steward Boyle who died in 1916 at the age of 31. Boyle was an expert sniper who was killed at Regina Trench, during the Battle of Somme. His name is engraved on the Vimy Memorial.

Davidson Street is being named in recognition of Thomas Davidson who died in 1916 at the age of 36. Davidson was heading back to the dressing station when he was killed. His body was never recovered. His name is engraved on the Vimy Memorial.

Ledbury Avenue is being named in recognition of Benjamin Ledbury who died in 1916 after serving 2 years in the trenches of France. Ledbury was killed by multiple gunshots. He is buried in the graveyard of Hospital #11 in Rouen, France.

Mansfield Court is being named in recognition of Jerred Israel Mansfield who enlisted at the age of 21 and served throughout the entire war. During his time at war, Mansfield wrote an 800 page war diary which is now in the collection at Annandale NHS.

Esseltine Drive, Dereham Drive and Grandview Drive are existing road names that extend into the proposed subdivision as a result of configuration.

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Fire Services/9-1-1 were circulated for emergency conflict assessment and approval was granted with no conflicts.

Staff will attempt to communicate with the families to inform them of the dedication if approved.

FINANCIAL IMPACT/FUNDING SOURCE

Not applicable.

CORPORATE GOALS

How does this report support the corporate goals identified in the Community Strategic Plan?

- Lifestyle and amenities
- Customer service, communication and engagement
- Business attraction, retention and expansion
- Community growth
- Connectivity and transportation
- Not Applicable

Does this report relate to a specific strategic direction or project identified in the Community Strategic Plan? Please indicate section number and/or any priority projects identified in the plan.

Goal – The Town of Tillsonburg will strive for excellence and accountability in government, providing effective and efficient services, information, and opportunities to shape municipal initiatives.

Strategic Direction – Engage community groups, including advisory committees and service organizations, in shaping municipal initiatives.

Priority Project – N/A

ATTACHMENTS

– Developer's Request Letter – Harvest Heights Subdivision Road Naming