



Report to: Development Services Committee

Meeting Date: September 9, 2019

SUBJECT:	RECOMMENDATION REPORT: Rename the section of Meadowview Avenue between Yonge Street and Doncaster Avenue to Doncaster Avenue (Ward 1)
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RECOMMENDATION:

1. That the report entitled “Rename the section of Meadowview Avenue between Yonge Street and Doncaster Avenue to Doncaster Avenue”, dated September 9, 2019, be received;
2. That the by-law attached to this report to rename the section of Meadowview Avenue between Yonge Street and Doncaster Avenue to Doncaster Avenue be approved;
3. That Staff be directed to request permission from the Region of York to rename their portion of Meadowview Avenue to Doncaster Avenue;
4. That Staff provide notification of the municipal address change to each affected property owner;
5. And that Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Not applicable.

PURPOSE:

This report recommends that the by-law attached to this report to rename a section of Meadowview Avenue, between Yonge Street and Doncaster Avenue, to Doncaster Avenue (See location map) be approved. It also recommends that Staff be directed to request the Region of York for permission to rename their small portion of Meadowview Avenue to Doncaster Avenue. This report further recommends that Staff be directed to notify affected property owners of the change to their municipal address.

BACKGROUND:

Earlier this year, Staff was approached by the Ward 1 Councillor to examine how to alleviate confusion around the street names of Meadowview Avenue and Doncaster Avenue by naming the entire length of the street as Doncaster Avenue. The two street names presents an operational issue for the Fire Department and uncertainty for the general public. Meadowview Avenue originally ran continuously as one street from

Yonge Street to a point just east of Jewel Street. The section of Meadowview Avenue between Yonge Street and Doncaster Avenue (Figure 1) was separated from the remainder of Meadowview Avenue to the east and connected to Doncaster Avenue when Doncaster Avenue was constructed. That section of road was to serve as an extension of Doncaster Avenue to Yonge Street, but the name was never altered to reflect that change.

There are currently 11 residential properties along the south side of Meadowview Avenue and one municipal park on the north side that are addressed onto the street.

Staff submitted a report to the June 10th, 2019 Development Services Committee meeting to propose initiating the process for a renaming of the separated westerly section of Meadowview Avenue to Doncaster Avenue, subject to the affected property owners being notified of this proposal by mail, and providing them with an opportunity to ask questions and raise any concerns. Staff was then required to report back to Development Services Committee regarding any feedback from the affected property owners prior to a final decision being made by Committee.

OPTIONS/ DISCUSSION:

On June 19, 2019 eleven letters were sent out to the affected residential property owners on Meadowview Avenue. The letter informed them of the City of Markham's intention to rename the City owned section of Meadowview Avenue, between Yonge Street and Doncaster Avenue, to Doncaster Avenue. It provided a historical background and reasoning for the change, and informed the residents of the opportunity to contact the City about this matter by no later than 4:30 p.m. July 19, 2019. None of the property owners contacted Staff regarding this proposed street name change.

During the process of legally describing the section of Meadowview Avenue to be included in the proposed name change by-law it was discovered the Region of York owns a small right-of-way along the north-east corner of Yonge Street and Meadowview Avenue (Figure 2). If the proposed street name change is supported, then it is recommended that Staff be authorized to contact the Region of York to request permission for the City of Markham to rename the Region's portion of the right-of-way from Meadowview Avenue to Doncaster Avenue. This process will not impede the City's efforts to approve the name change by-law.

Since there were no concerns raised by the affected property owners, Staff recommends that the proposed name change by-law attached to this report be approved. It is further recommended that Staff be authorized to provide notification of the municipal address change to each affected property owner. Once the street name change is approved, Staff will contact the Operations Department to make the necessary street sign change(s).

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

There are no financial implications for the Corporation.

HUMAN RESOURCES CONSIDERATIONS

Not applicable.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

Not applicable.

BUSINESS UNITS CONSULTED AND AFFECTED:

The Legal Department and the Clerks Department were consulted with respect to street name change procedures. The Engineering, Fire and Operations Departments were also consulted and have no concerns.

RECOMMENDED BY:

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ATTACHMENTS:

Location Map

Figure 1 – Meadowview Avenue Area Context Map

Figure 2 - Portion of Meadowview Avenue owned by the Region of York
Meadowview to Doncaster By-Law

By-Law Schedule