

# MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Mayor and Members of Council

**FROM:** Arvin Prasad, Commissioner, Development Services

**PREPARED BY:** Meg West, Manager, Business Planning and Projects

**DATE:** June 14, 2018

**RE:** Street name change from Rivis Road to University Avenue

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## **RECOMMENDATION:**

That Rivis Road be renamed to University Avenue be approved.

And that Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

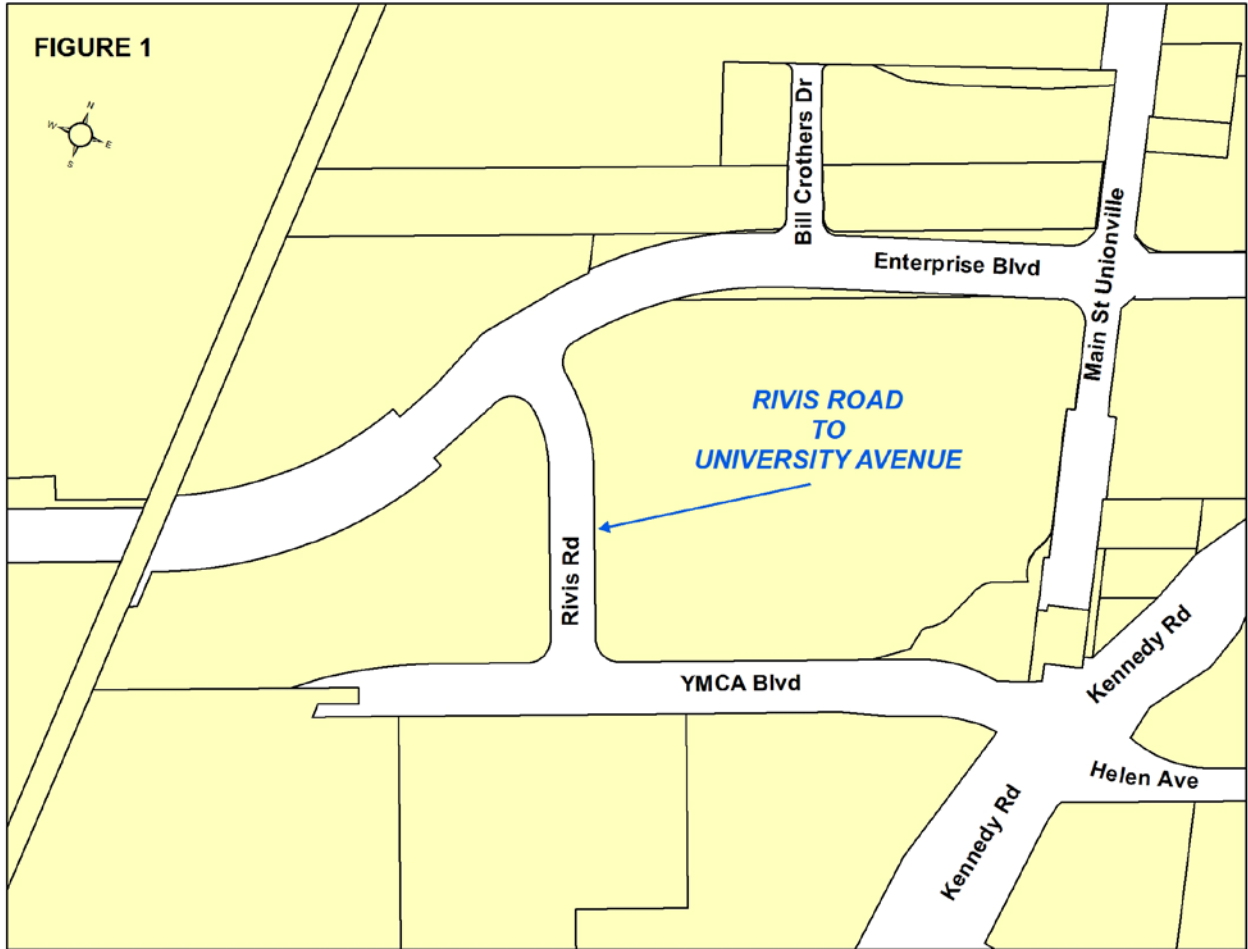
## **BACKGROUND:**

The Council approved street name Rivis Road was applied to the road registered Parts 3, 11, 16, 17, 18 and 51 on plan 65R-27018 in 2006 (see Figure 1). The name of the road was chosen to reflect the fact that the Rivis Family farmed this land in the 1800's. Further the Thomas Rivis House, which was designated under Part 4 of the Heritage Act in 2002, in proximity to Rivis Road is located on the south side of YMCA Boulevard adjacent to the YMCA facility. The City historian confirmed that there are no members of the Rivis Family left in the area to consult, with respect to the proposed name change.

Staff contacted the only landowner with frontage on the west side of Rivis Road (Metropia) and they have confirmed via email that they have no concern with the name change.

Once built, the York University Markham Campus will front on to the east side of the road. Given the significance of York University building a satellite campus in Markham Centre, the first university campus in York Region and Markham, staff recommend that the road named Rivis Road be renamed to University Avenue. Accordingly, Staff is seeking Committee's authorization to proceed with the requested street name change.

FIGURE 1



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