



Report to: Development Services Committee

Report Date: June 19, 2012

SUBJECT:	RECOMMENDATION REPORT Naming the Lane east of Main Street Unionville as Kathleen McKay Lane
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RECOMMENDATION:

- 1) That the report entitled “Naming the Lane east of Main Street Unionville as Kathleen McKay Lane”, dated June 19, 2012, be received;
- 2) And that Development Services Committee authorize Staff to initiate the process for naming the lane east of Main Street Unionville, between Carlton Road and Main Street Unionville, as Kathleen McKay Lane;
- 3) And that a public information meeting be scheduled to consider the naming of the lane east of Main Street Unionville, between Carlton Road and Main Street Unionville;
- 4) And that notification of the public information meeting be provided in a manner deemed appropriate by the Town Clerk;
- 5) And that a draft by-law dealing with the name assignment be prepared for consideration by Council;
- 6) And that Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to these resolutions.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Not applicable.

PURPOSE:

This report provides a background and process for the naming of the lane east of Main Street Unionville, between Carlton Road and Main Street Unionville, as Kathleen McKay Lane.

BACKGROUND:

The lane immediately east of Main Street Unionville runs in a north south direction connecting Carlton Road and Main Street Unionville. It provides access to three residential properties currently addressed onto Main Street Unionville. It also provides access to private/public parking areas that serve the Main Street businesses to the west and the Town owned Bruce's Creek Valley to the east. There is interest on Council to

name the lane and Staff has recently been requested to bring forward a proposal to name the lane.

OPTIONS/ DISCUSSION:

This Town owned lane serves as an access way to three residential homes currently addressed as 141, 143 and 145 Main Street Unionville, and to several private parking lots and one public parking area.

From an emergency services standpoint it would be more appropriate for the homes fronting onto the lane to be addressed onto it. The affected property owners will be contacted about this initiative as part of the public information meeting notification process. The naming of the lane would also benefit the businesses on the east side of Main Street Unionville and the Town by enabling a clear direction to the various business parking lots and the public parking spaces for the Bruce's Creek Valley.

The name Kathleen McKay Lane was placed onto the Town's Street Name Reserve List at the request of members of Council for assignment as the preferred name for the lane. Kathleen McKay was a Gormley family member from Markham, whose history dates back almost as early in the area as William Berczy. She moved to Toronto, but came back to Markham, purchasing a home on Main Street Unionville that is now part of the facilities of the Varley Art Gallery. She supported and cared for Fred Varley, and posthumously donated her exceptional art collection to the Town of Markham. It includes paintings by Varley and other prominent Canadian artists, which are now housed in the Varley Gallery. The use of her name for this lane would be a fitting tribute to her family history in the area and her contribution to promoting and preserving Canadian art.

While the process for naming the Town owned lane does not require a public meeting, one should be held to inform the public prior to the passing of a by-law to apply the name. The Clerks Department would assist with a public notification for the meeting and the passing of a street naming by-law.

It is recommended that a public information meeting be held regarding the naming of the lane east of Main Street Unionville, between Carlton Road and Main Street Unionville. It is further recommended that notification of the meeting be provided by the Clerk's Department in a manner deemed appropriate by the Clerk, and that a street naming by-law be made available at the following Council meeting for adoption.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS AND TEMPLATE: (external link)

None at this time.

HUMAN RESOURCES CONSIDERATIONS

Not applicable.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:


Not applicable.

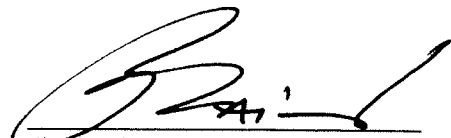
BUSINESS UNITS CONSULTED AND AFFECTED:

The Clerks Department was consulted with respect to street name change procedures. The Heritage Planning Section, and Engineering and Operations Departments were also consulted and have no concerns.

RECOMMENDED

BY:


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ATTACHMENTS:

Figure 1 – Lane East of Main Street Unionville between Carlton Road and Main Street Unionville

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