THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF MISSISSIPPI MILLS

STAFF REPORT

DATE: August 10, 2021
TO: Committee of the Whole
FROM: Cory Smith, A/Director of Public Works
SUBJECT: Naming of Roadway in Business Park

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommend to Council that the new road under construction in the Business Park be named Frank Davis Street.

BACKGROUND:

The Municipality of Mississippi Mills is constructing Phase 3 of the Business Park in the Almonte Ward. As part of the Phase 3 construction, a new roadway is being created. The roadway will connect to Industrial Drive in two different locations. When the original concepts of the business park were created and approved, no name decided upon for this future roadway. The framework for naming of this roadway falls under section 8.2.2 of the Municipal Facility and Asset Naming Policy. The policy defines facilities and assets as including streets, roads and lanes among other things that fall under the ownership of the Municipality.

8.2.2 Where the Council or its Administration are the proponents for naming, the name may be drawn from the Names Reserve List or as otherwise determined by Council.

The "Names Reserve List" is a list of approved names that have already passed all vetting for use on future roads in Mississippi Mills. The list is primarily of military veterans from Mississippi Mills.

DISCUSSION:

Staff have reviewed the policy and the most practical manner to name the road is to use a name off the Names Reserve List which has already been vetted for use and approved by Council. A review of the names available for use on this road, based on the reserve list was completed by staff and circulated to the Almonte Legion for comment as the list is primarily made up of veterans. Based on the review and with consideration of the recommendations by the Almonte Legion it is felt that the street be named Davis Street, named after Frank Davis.

UPDATE:

It has been requested that the full name of Frank Davis be used. This is acceptable as per the policy and is reflected in the options and recommendations.

About Frank Davis;

Frank was a long time resident of Mississippi Mills, passing away at Orchard View by the Mississippi on March 11, 2020 at the age of 100. Frank was a World War II veteran, and a 75 year member of the Almonte Legion. Frank was very involved in the local pipes and drums. His involvement in pipes and drums started in WWII with the Cameron Highlanders. He was awarded the rank of Knight of the French National Order of the Legion of Honour in 2014, by the President of the Republic of France for his participation in the Liberation of France. Frank served the local agricultural community for 35 years delivering raw milk to local dairies. Frank also curled locally for decades and was known by family, friends and those at Orchard View for his kind, gentle and generous demeanor.

OPTIONS:

- 1. Committee of the whole select the proposed name of Frank Davis Street and recommend Council Approve the use of the name.
- 2. Committee of the whole select an alternative name from the Names Reserve List and recommend Council Approve the use of the name.
- 3. Committee of the whole recommend a name to be used not from the Names Reserve List as otherwise determined appropriate.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

There is no financial implications related to this report.

SUMMARY:

Staff recommend Committee of the whole select option 1 for the proposed naming the New Street in the Business Park. This option is consistent with the Municipal Facility and Asset Naming Policy, and takes into consideration recommendations from the Almonte Legion. The use of Option 2, is also reasonable. Option 3 will require a full vetting procedure for the selected name and may result in delays should the name not pass the vetting procedure.

Respectfully submitted by,

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Reviewed by:

Ken Kelly, CAO

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Location Drawing

