

Staff Report 2019-0236

Meeting Date: November 19, 2019

Subject: Proposed renaming of a portion of Cross Country Boulevard as Roy Clarkson Way

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RECOMMENDATION

That a by-law to rename an identified portion of Cross Country Boulevard as Roy Clarkson Way be enacted; and

That Schedule F of Traffic By-law 2015-058 be amended to rename Cross Country Boulevard from Highway 50 (RR 50) to a point 100m west of Highway 50 (RR 50) as Roy Clarkson Way.

REPORT HIGHLIGHTS

- Staff recommend that a portion of Cross Country Boulevard in Bolton be renamed in commemoration of Roy Clarkson, a volunteer member of the Caledon Fire Service who passed away while on duty in 1980.
- The portion of Cross Country Boulevard proposed for renaming is located directly adjacent to #302 Roy B. Clarkson Fire Hall in Bolton and does not contain any property addresses.
- The proposed street name currently exists on the list of names approved for use in Caledon by the Region of Peel Street Names Committee and the street name suffix proposed does not require approval by the Committee.
- The recommendation has been made in accordance with the street re-naming requirements of the Town's Corporate Street Naming and Public Notice Policies and Procedures.

DISCUSSION

Background

The purpose of this report is to recommend for Council to enact a by-law to rename a portion of Cross Country Boulevard to Roy Clarkson Way.

On May 21, 2019 Staff Report 2019-69 regarding the renaming a portion of Cross Country Boulevard as Roy Clarkson Way was brought to the Committee of the Whole – Planning and Development.

The Committee referred back the report to staff to consider the options of naming the Fire Hall instead and report back to Council in September 2019.

On June 25, 2019 Council adopted a motion (Resolution 2019-109) to name Fire Station 302 to the Roy B. Clarkson Fire Hall.

On October 22, 2019 the Committee of the Whole – Planning and Development received a petition in correspondence from Mr. John Payne, dated October 10, 2019 requesting *“To rename the portion of Cross Country Blvd., (10th side road portion) and the rear entrance to the new Fire Station #302 to Roy Clarkson Way”*. The Committee adopted the recommendation that Staff review the petition regarding the renaming of a portion of Cross Country Boulevard to Roy Clarkson Way and report back to the Committee.

The identified portion of Cross County Boulevard proposed for renaming by the petition appears to be consistent with the extent previously proposed by Staff Report 2019-69.

History

In October 2018 Staff forwarded the suggestion that consideration be given to naming a street in memory of Mr. Roy Clarkson, the only member of the Caledon Fire and Emergency Services Department to have passed away while on duty.

Mr. Clarkson was a dedicated volunteer fireman who rose to the rank of Assistant District Chief while operating out of Caledon Fire Department Station No. 2 (Bolton) from 1947 until his passing during a house fire call on February 11, 1980.

In November 2018, the name Roy Clarkson was approved for use in Caledon by the Region of Peel Street Names Committee.

Cross Country Boulevard is a curvilinear street located on the Southwest side of Highway 50 in Bolton, directly south of the new fire station being constructed at 14002 Highway 50. Cross Country Boulevard is bound by Highway 50 to the North and English Rose Lane to the South. The section of Cross-Country Boulevard proposed for renaming to Roy Clarkson Way is approximate 100 m in length, starting at Highway 50 and ending at the 90 degree turn in the street. This section of street is contained within the opened road allowance legally identified as being between Lots 10 and 11, Concession 6, former Albion Township and would include the entrance to the rear driveway of the fire station (see Schedule A). The section of street proposed for renaming was identified as a potential location due to:

- a) its immediate proximity to the new Bolton fire station # 302
- b) its physical distinction from the remainder of Cross Country Boulevard
- c) no property address changes would be required
- d) only signage upgrades would be required.

The recommendation for the proposed street renaming has been made in accordance with the requirements of the Town's Corporate Policy on Street Naming and Appendix 5 of the Town's Street Naming Procedure:

- A request to change the name of an existing street may be made by the Town, the Region of Peel, or members of the public.
- The street name change is proposed for commemorative purposes.
- The proposed street name is on the list of names approved for use in Caledon by the Region of Peel Street Names Committee.
- The proposed name reflects and commemorates local heritage.
- As a posthumous street name recommendation, written authorization has been provided by Mr. Clarkson's family in support of the renaming.

With the existing orientation of properties on Cross Country Boulevard, no properties are located in the limited area subject to the proposed street renaming, therefore no address changes are required.

The Region of Peel Street Names Committee did not require any suffix restrictions on the use Roy Clarkson as a street name. The Town therefore does not require approval from the Committee to proceed with the use of the name Roy Clarkson Way.

As per the Town's Public Notice Policy, notice of the proposed street renaming was published in local newspapers, on social media and on the Town website on April 25, 2019.

Notification was also mailed to residents and landowners of the 217 properties identified within the subdivision that includes the Cross-Country Boulevard on March 14, 2019.

Public Comments

As of April 30, 2019, staff had received a limited amount of responses from members of the public by way of phone call, email and in person comments. Some of the concerns were:

- Impacts on local navigation by visitors seeking to locate Cross Country Boulevard.
- The existing association of the name Clarkson with the Go station and former village in Mississauga and the potential for confusion for local residents and commercial delivery service.
- That commemorative street naming should be reserved for locations that will include addressed properties.

The purpose of proposing a partial street renaming was to limit the impact to property owners and avoid unnecessary costs to update owner addresses. Once maps are updated then issues with potential delivery will be addressed.

Family Endorsement

Staff have been in regular communication and consulted with Mr. Clarkson's family throughout this process. The family is supportive and appreciative of this approach.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no significant financial implications to the Town as a result of the proposed street renaming. There are minimal costs associated with registration of the amending by-law on title to the road allowance and the installation of the new street sign post and signage on Town lands.

COUNCIL WORK PLAN

Town of Caledon Council Work Plan 2018-2022 Key Priorities addressed:

Connected Community Initiative: Preserve heritage and natural areas

KEY STEPS

Should Council approve enactment of a by-law renaming the identified portion of Cross Country Boulevard as Roy Clarkson Way, the following steps shall be undertaken:

1. Advise the applicant of Council's approval.
2. Register the by-law on title to the road allowance.
3. Notify the land owners abutting Roy Clarkson Way of the street renaming.
4. Advise Building and Support Services, Information Technology GIS staff and the Region of Peel Street Names Committee of the street renaming for the purpose of updating records and mapping. Emergency Medical Services and the Ontario Provincial Police shall be advised of the street renaming by Building and Support Services.
5. Advise Legislative Services for the purpose of amending the Traffic By-law and any relevant documents.
6. Advise Finance and Infrastructure Services of the renaming for the installation of the new street sign.
7. Advise Region of Peel Road Operations department of the renaming for the purpose of installation of a new street signs on Highway 50.

ATTACHMENTS

Schedule A Location Map showing the proposed Roy Clarkson Way