

Committee of the Whole (1) Report

DATE: Tuesday, May 4, 2021

WARD(S): 4

**TITLE: PROPOSED RENAMING OF EXCHANGE AVENUE
SITE DEVELOPMENT FILE DA.18.056
RELATED FILES 19T-18V008, Z.18.021 AND OP.18.014
MOBILIO DEVELOPMENTS LTD.
VICINITY OF INTERCHANGE WAY AND JANE STREET**

FROM:

Jim Harnum, City Manager

ACTION: DECISION

Purpose

To seek approval to rename the north-south portion of Exchange Avenue to “Mable Smith Way” and the east-west portion of Exchange Avenue to “Autumn Harvest Road”, within the lands identified by approved Site Development File DA.18.056, as shown on Attachment 1.

Report Highlights

- The Owner is seeking approval to rename Exchange Avenue located within the lands identified by approved Site Development File DA.18.056. The tenure of this road is being conveyed from private to public as a condition of approval, and no existing addresses are assigned along these road segments
- The proposed names “Mable Smith Way” and “Autumn Harvest Road” are supported by the Vaughan Metropolitan Centre Program staff as they are in accordance with the cultural heritage and landscape themes for the Vaughan Metropolitan Centre, which commemorate the historic village of Edgeley
- The Development Planning Department supports the approval of the street names, as they are consistent with the City’s Street Naming Policy and Procedures that were approved by Vaughan Council on December 10, 2013

Recommendations

1. That the following proposed names for renaming Exchange Avenue within the lands identified in approved Site Development File DA.18.056, as shown on Attachment 1, BE APPROVED:

Proposed Street Names

- Mable Smith Way
- Autumn Harvest Road

Background

The Development Planning Department received an application to rename the north-south portion of Exchange Avenue to “Mable Smith Way” and the east-west portion of Exchange Avenue to “Autumn Harvest Road”, located within the lands identified by approved Site Development File DA.18.056.

Exchange Avenue is currently in private tenure and extends north-south and east-west in the southwest quadrant of the VMC. The portions of Exchange Avenue identified in Attachment 1 are being conveyed to the City as a public road as a condition of approval through the approved Site Development File DA.18.056. No existing addresses are assigned along these road segments. The Owner intends to seek approval to rename the remaining portion of Exchange Avenue extending west of the property to “Autumn Harvest Road” in the future, as there is an existing building currently addressed off the remaining segment of the private road with a temporary lease arrangement in place.

Mabel Smith was the first female teacher at the school in the Village of Edgeley in 1902, and Autumn Harvest reflects the landscape character of the historic village, with its rich agricultural roots of orchards and productive landscapes. Many of the streets in the Vaughan Metropolitan Centre have a similar landscape-base theme.

The Owner has notified the neighbouring property owner (Ikea), as a courtesy, of its request to rename the existing private roads to “Mable Smith Way” and “Autumn Harvest Road”. The neighbouring property is not addressed off either of these road segments, and therefore is not impacted by the proposed renaming.

Previous Reports/Authority

N/A

Analysis and Options

The Owner is seeking approval to rename the north-south portion of Exchange Avenue to “Mable Smith Way” and the east-west portion of Exchange Avenue to “Autumn

Harvest Road”, located within the lands identified by approved Site Development File DA.18.056, as shown on Attachment 1.

The York Region, Community Planning and Development Services Department has no objection to the proposed names. The Development Planning Department and the Fire and Rescue Department have reviewed the names for appropriateness and determined the proposed names to be satisfactory.

The proposed names are consistent with the City’s Street Naming Policy and Procedures that was approved by Vaughan Council on December 10, 2013. Staff on March 9, 2021 circulated the proposed names to each Council member and received no comments.

The proposed names are not the result of a charity fundraising auction/event.

Financial Impact

There are no requirements for new funding associated with this report.

Broader Regional Impacts/Considerations

The York Region Community Planning and Development Services Department has no objection to the proposed street names.

Conclusion

The Vaughan Development Planning Department has no objection to renaming the north-south portion of Exchange Avenue to “Mable Smith Way” and the east-west portion of Exchange Avenue to “Autumn Harvest Road”, within the lands identified by approved Site Development File DA.18.056. The proposed street names are consistent with the City’s Street Naming Policy and have been reviewed and approved by York Region and the Vaughan Fire and Rescue Services Department. Should the Committee concur, the recommendation in this report can be approved.

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Attachment

1. Proposed Renaming of Exchange Avenue

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Reviewed by

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Jim Harnum, City Manager