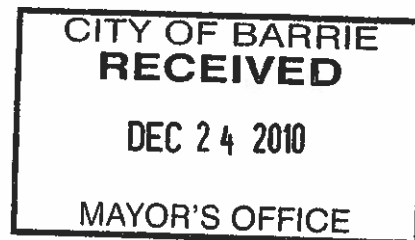


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J. DAVID MURPHY



17 December, 2010

Mayor J. Lehman,
City of Barrie,
70 Collier Street,
Box 400,
Barrie, Ontario
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Dear sir:

RE: Request re Barrie street names

I am a retired lawyer, law professor and judge currently living in Europe. I was born in Barrie in 1948 and grew up there. My maternal ancestors were Barrie pioneers. My father was responsible for setting up the modern Barrie Public Utilities Commission, and ran it for decades.

The purpose of this letter is to formalise the request of my family that the City of Barrie remember the contributions of my maternal grandfather and my father, by naming Barrie streets or landmarks after them.

Thompson Crew

My maternal grandfather was a Barrie pioneer. He was editor and I believe publisher of the old *Northern Advance* newspaper. Later he was the Barrie postmaster for some years. The Crew family was well known in Barrie in the late 1800's and most of the 1900's. One daughter became a noted educator in Ontario. The other, my mother, married H. John Murphy.

Herbert John Murphy

My father started as a young graduate engineer with the Barrie P.U.C. in the early 1940's. With the exception of his considerable war service with the R.C.E.M.E., he dedicated his life to turning the P.U.C. into the modern organisation it is today. For decades until his death in 1983 he was its Superintendent, then General manager. He was extremely highly regarded by his peers, and by Barrie citizens.

I recently had occasion to look at a modern map of the Barrie streets. Apart from the fact that many of the new streets bear names with no connection to Barrie (no doubt due to the pace of growth of the city), I did happen to notice as well that some of my father's contemporaries in city administration have been remembered in street names.

It is my family's respectful wish that the current Barrie administration consider

our request to name two Barrie streets or landmarks "**CREW**" and "**MURPHY**" in memory of my maternal grandfather, and of my father.

If you would like to contact me for further information, I would be grateful if you could do so by email at the address above.

Yours very truly,

J. David Murphy

c.c.: Office of the City Clerk