


TO: GENERAL COMMITTEE


SUBJECT: RENAMING, RENUMBERING AND CLOSURE OF A PORTION OF DUCKWORTH STREET

WARD: WARD # 3

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RECOMMENDED MOTION

1. a) That the portion of Duckworth Street east of JC Massie Way be renamed to Brereton Street and that properties fronting onto this portion be renumbered appropriately.
- b) That the affected property owners be advised of their new property number and be requested to post the new numbers on their properties.
2. That the portion of Duckworth Street between JC Massie Way and the 400 southbound ramp to Duckworth Street as well as the portion of Cundles Road East, east of Duckworth Street be permanently closed, but retained in the City's ownership.

PURPOSE & BACKGROUND

Report Overview

3. The City of Barrie has the responsibility of assigning street names to assumed streets within the City of Barrie boundaries. This assists emergency services providers to locate a property as quickly as possible in an emergency. It also provides home owners with a means to identify where their home is located.
4. The redevelopment and realignment of Duckworth Street and Cundles Road East will result in the northern portion of Duckworth Street, as it currently exists, being separated from the southern part of Duckworth Street at Highway 400 creating no direct access to Duckworth Street north of Highway 400 (see attached Appendix "A").
5. This separation may cause confusion resulting in critical time delays for the City's emergency services partners (Fire, Police and Ambulance).
6. To avoid this, staff is recommending renaming the northern part of Duckworth Street and the assignment of new municipal numbers for properties in this area.

7. The realignment of Duckworth Street and Cundles Road has also resulted in two street segments at Duckworth Street and Cundles Road that will no longer be travelled. The Engineering Department is recommending that this portion of Duckworth Street and Cundles Road East be permanently closed under the Municipal Act but be retained in the City's ownership because there are municipal services located within these right-of-ways (see attached Appendix "B").

ANALYSIS

8. Council Policy 41.17 as amended on February 22, 2010, requires staff to follow a prescribed process to name new roads. Staff have used the same process to recommend a new name for an existing road.
9. In accordance with Council Policy 41.17, a list has been established for potential names for new roads using the following categories:
 - a) Names honouring those who served their country or given their life in public service.
 - b) Names honouring individuals for community services, local historical reasons, national reasons or international reasons.
 - c) Other names.
10. As per Council policy, the Councillor for Ward 3 has been contacted to obtain his recommendation for the renaming of Duckworth Street. The name "Brereton Street" has been recommended by Councillor Shipley to recognize the contribution that local dentist Dr. E.L. Brereton made towards starting the Brereton Field Naturalist Club, which has done significant work within the Little Lake area.
11. Where roads are renamed, the municipality must replace existing street signs at all road intersections.
12. By-law 2004-147 requires every property owner to post their municipal property number to be readily visible from the driveway connection to the road. When new municipal numbers are assigned the owner will be advised to remove the existing signs and to provide new signs in compliance with By-law 2004-147 at the owner's expense.
13. The properties affected by this street name change are 480-500, 507, 510, 528 and 532 Duckworth Street.
14. Currently the City of Barrie owns 480-500, 510 and 532 Duckworth Street. 507 and 528 are in private ownership.
15. If Council approves this recommendation, the owners of 507 and 528 will be advised of the name change and their new municipal addresses. There are no cost implications for the home owners when it is a Municipal initiated address change.
16. Pursuant to the Municipal Act a by-law needs to be passed to permanently close the section of Duckworth Street and rename the section of road as illustrated in Appendix "B".

ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

17. There are no environmental matters related to the recommendation.

ALTERNATIVES

18. The following alternatives are available for consideration by General Committee:

Alternative #1 General Committee could choose a different name for the renaming of Duckworth Street (northern portion) as identified in this Staff Report.

This alternative is not recommended since the Ward Councillor has suggested a name in accordance with Council policy. There is no developer to consult with in regard to this change as it is resulting from a realignment.

Alternative #2 General Committee could decide to leave the roads named Duckworth Street.

This alternative is not recommended as it is confusing for emergency services and could cause delay in responding to an emergency.

Alternative #3 That the portions of Duckworth Street and Cundles Road East that are recommended to be permanently closed remain open.

This alternative is not recommended since opened untraveled roads create a liability and a maintenance problem for the City of Barrie.

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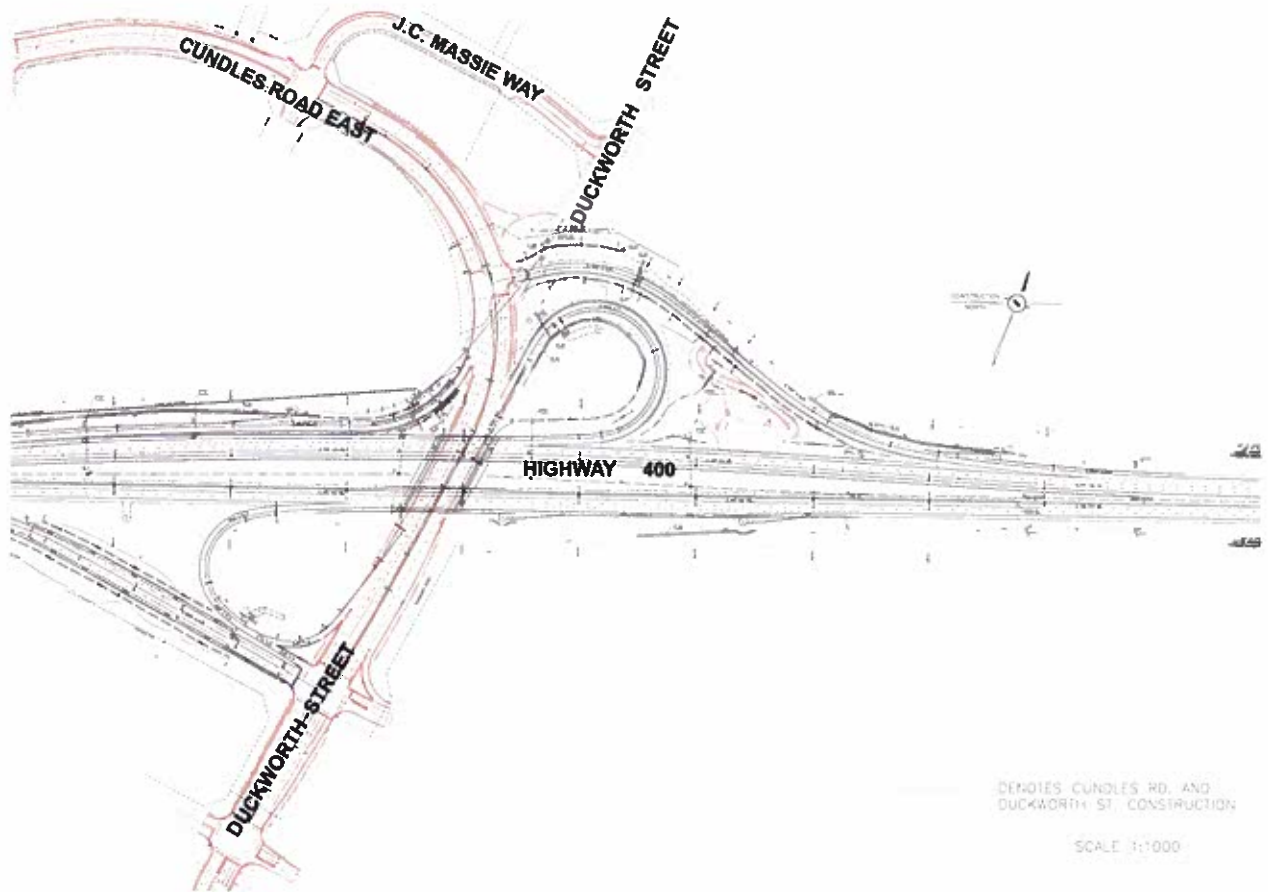
19. The naming or renaming of a road is a legal process that includes registering documents at the Land Registry Office. It is estimated to cost approximately \$1,200.00 to register the new street name recommended in this report. This is in addition to the staff time required to prepare and handle the documents. In discussion with the Engineering Department, this cost will be covered through the Engineering Department's project fund for the Duckworth reconstruction.
20. The legal cost for the road closure by-law and survey plan will be covered under the Engineering Department's project fund for the Duckworth reconstruction.

LINKAGE TO 2010-2014 COUNCIL STRATEGIC PLAN

21. The recommendations included in this Staff Report are not specifically related to the goals identified in the 2010-2014 City Council Strategic Plan.

Attachments: Appendix "A"
Appendix "B"

APPENDIX "A"



APPENDIX "B"

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