SUBJECT: Renaming of “Given Road” in the City of Hamilton (Ancaster) (PED06171) (Ward 12)

RECOMMENDATION:

That approval be given to the following:

(a) To rename “Given Road”, in the former Town of Ancaster, to “McClure Road”, identified on Appendix “A” to Report PED06171.

(b) That the draft By-law, attached as Appendix “B” to Report PED06171, which have been prepared in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor, be enacted by City Council.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The purpose of this City initiative is to rename Given Road to McClure Road.

This request for the street renaming came from the Ancaster Planning Sub Committee, and is supported by Ward Councillor, Murray Ferguson.

The proposed name change will clarify the street name for Emergency Services, utility companies, private businesses and the public, as the same street name is found in the Freelton area.
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BACKGROUND:

Proposal

At its meeting on April 25, 2005, the Ancaster Planning Sub Committee made a request to rename Given Road to McClure Road. This proposal was also supported by Councillor Ferguson.

In 1953, the Town of Ancaster passed By-law 1411, (Registered as Instrument 148979 c.d) that granted permission to E.W. Shaver and Charles Richard to lay out a public street along the middle of the boundary between Lots 35 and 36, in the Third Concession, between Wilson Street West and Garner Road West, in the former Town of Ancaster. This street became known as Given Road.

Furthermore, it is noted that Town of Ancaster By-laws 90-47 and 95-86 dealt with widenings of Given Road.

More recently, there are two developments that have been approved with access on Given Road. One is for a mini-storage at the north-west corner of Garner Road West and Given Road and the other is a commercial plaza at the south-east corner of Wilson Street West and Given Road. Both developments will have addresses on Garner Road West and Wilson Street West, respectfully. As a condition of approval, the City required the developers to upgrade Given Road to full urban standards.

The proposed name "McClure" was submitted as a future street name by the former Town of Ancaster, and is on the Approved Street Name List for use in the Ancaster area.

ANALYSIS/RATIONALE:

The City has authority under the Municipal Act to name and change street names.

This proposal implements a request of the Ancaster Planning Sub Committee that does not require any individual or business to change an existing address. It also eliminates an existing duplicate street name in the Freelton area that will further assist the general public and 911 Emergency Services.

ALTERNATIVES FOR CONSIDERATION:

The street remains as Given Road and is a duplicate street name.

FINANCIAL/STAFFING/LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:

Financial - Cost of new Street Signs, and public notification of the change

Staffing - N/A.

Legal - Section 47 of the Municipal Act requires public notice be given.
POLICIES AFFECTING PROPOSAL:

The City of Hamilton Street Naming, Renaming, and Addressing Guidelines and Policies, as approved by Council on March 9, 2005, were used as a guide in the review of this street name change. This proposal is consistent with these guidelines and policies.

RELEVANT CONSULTATION:

Hamilton Emergency Services, including Police and Fire, were advised of the proposed street name change and they have no objections.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION:

In accordance with the requirements of the Municipal Act, a Public Notice was posted in the Hamilton Spectator on June 2, 2006.

One letter of objection to the proposed change has been received from Mr. and Mrs. Cranston, who are related to the Shaver Family. Staff also spoke to Mrs. Cranston and she indicated that she is concerned that the name “Given”, which has existed for over 50 years, signifies that the street was “given” to the Town of Ancaster by the Shaver and Richarz families and that the name change will overshadow the history of how Given Road was established. Her letter is attached as Appendix “C”.

With respect to the letter of objection from Mr. and Mrs. Cranston, the name “Given” was commonly used when a landowner would “Give” a pathway to a Township for public road purposes. The Township did not always include a formal name in the By-law to establish the pathway as a public road, so the name Given Road was often used as a generic street name.

CITY STRATEGIC COMMITMENT:

By evaluating the “Triple Bottom Line”, (community, environment, economic implications) we can make choices that create value across all three bottom lines, moving us closer to our vision for a sustainable community, and Provincial interests.

Community Well-Being is enhanced. ☐ Yes ☑ No

Environmental Well-Being is enhanced. ☑ Yes ☐ No
Removal of a duplicate street name further aids Emergency Services to locate a property or individual.

Economic Well-Being is enhanced. ☐ Yes ☑ No

Does the option you are recommending create value across all three bottom lines? ☐ Yes ☑ No

Do the options you are recommending make Hamilton a City of choice for high performance public servants? ☐ Yes ☑ No

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Attachs. (3)
CITY OF HAMILTON

BY-LAW NO. __________

To Rename Given Road to McClure Road

WHEREAS notice of the proposal to pass this by-law was published in the Hamilton Spectator prior to the passing of this by-law, in accordance with Section 47 of The Municipal Act, 2001, Chapter 25;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the City of Hamilton, through the Planning and Economic Development Committee, has heard all persons who applied to be heard no matter whether in objection to or in support of this by-law.

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the City of Hamilton enacts as follows:

1. The name of the street municipally known as Given Road, more particularly described as follows:

   PIN 17418-0049 (LT)
   Road allowance between Lots 35 and 36, Concession 3, Town of Ancaster
   Parts 1 and 2 of Plan 62R-9219; Part 8 of Plan 62R-13362; Part 3 of Plan 62R-13499

   is hereby changed to McClure Road.

2. That this by-law comes into force and takes effect on the date of its registration in The Hamilton Land Registry Office for the Land Titles Division of Wentworth 62.

PASSED and ENACTED this 28th day of June, 2006.

MAYOR            CLERK

File: 734-Given