CITY OF HAMILTON

PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
Growth Management Division

TO: Chair and Members Planning Committee
WARD(S) AFFECTED: WARD 7

COMMITTEE DATE: August 13, 2013

SUBJECT/REPORT NO:
Street Name Change from Fieldway Drive to Education Court, Hamilton (PED13133) (Ward 7)

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SIGNATURE:

RECOMMENDATION

(a) That Fieldway Drive, in the former City of Hamilton, be renamed “Education Court” as identified on Appendix “A” to Report PED13133;

(b) That the draft By-law, attached as Appendix “G” to Report PED13133, which has been prepared in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor, be enacted by City Council.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The City has received an application from the Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board (HWDSB) to rename a portion of Fieldway Drive to “Education Court” (see Appendix “A”). The application is to address a condition of Site Plan Application DA-12-148. The condition requires that the street name Fieldway Drive be changed due to the orientation of the new building on the property and the location of the proposed new entrance onto Fieldway Drive (off of Upper Wentworth Street) as indicated on the
approved site plan (see Appendix “B”). This change is required as part of the redevelopment of this property in order to avoid confusion with the portion of Fieldway Drive that exists to the north of Millwood Place as there is no vehicular access to the subject lands due to an existing public walkway (see Appendix “A”).

Staff are concerned that Emergency Services and delivery personnel will have difficulty trying to locate the subject lands since the main entrance will be located off the portion of Fieldway Drive that can only be accessed off of Upper Wentworth Street. There is no connection to the greater portion of Fieldway Drive that is accessed off of Mohawk Road thus creating two streets using the same name. Therefore, it is recommended that the cul-de-sac portion of Fieldway Drive be renamed to Education Court to eliminate any further confusion.

Alternatives for Consideration – See Page 4

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<td><strong>Financial:</strong> The cost for replacing one street name sign was accounted for through the application fee paid by the developer.</td>
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<td><strong>Staffing:</strong> N/A</td>
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<td><strong>Legal:</strong> The Municipal Act does not require any public notification for a municipal street name change. However, Notice of the proposed street name change has been given in accordance with The City of Hamilton Local Street Naming Policies, Guidelines and Procedures as approved by Council on March 9, 2005.</td>
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<td>Fieldway Drive was established as part of Reference Plans 7879, 8777, 10286, and 11979 in the mid 1980s to early 1990s. It is a cul-de-sac street that is located off of Upper Wentworth Street (see Appendices “C”, “D”, “E”, and “F”). The street does not have any municipal addresses on it but does provide access to the back of the commercial plazas that front on Upper Wentworth Street and those accesses will remain.</td>
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<td>Additionally, another portion of Fieldway Drive exists to the north of the cul-de-sac street and it is “L” shaped. The portion of Fieldway Drive that runs east/west between Cardinal Drive and Upper Wentworth was established as part of Plan 1209 in the early 1960s while the portion running north/south was established as part of Reference Plan 11054 and By-law No. 92-152 in 1992.</td>
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Based on completed research, it is unclear if a future connection was supposed to join the two portions of Fieldway Drive, where the walkway and open space now exist.

**POLICY IMPLICATIONS/LEGISLATED REQUIREMENTS**

The City of Hamilton Local Street Naming Policies, Guidelines and Procedures, as approved by Council on March 9, 2005, were used as a guide in the review of this street name change. The Guidelines and Policies do not permit two separate streets to have the same name, and requires that a Public Notice appear in a local newspaper 20 days prior to the Public Meeting to change a street name. The proposed street name change is consistent with the Local Street Naming Policies, Guidelines and Procedures document.

**RELEVANT CONSULTATION**

The HWDSB was notified of the requirement to change the name of Fieldway Drive through the Site Plan process where a street name change is a condition to receive final approval before the issuance of a building permit. Staff liaised with the Project Manager for the HWDSD to provide the necessary information to move forward with a street name change including the appropriate forms and approved street name list for the former City of Hamilton. The HWDSB decided to pick a street name not on the approved street name list and proposed the name “Education Court”. The proposed street name meets the guidelines outlined in The City of Hamilton Local Street Naming Policies, Guidelines and Procedures and was approved for use by staff.

No additional property owners will be affected by the proposed street name change since there are no municipal addresses located on the cul-de-sac portion of Fieldway Drive. A letter will be sent to the property owners located at 880 and 920 Upper Wentworth Street notifying them of the street name change once it has been approved.

While *The Municipal Act* does not require Public Notices, a notice will be published in the Hamilton Mountain News on July 18, 2013 to advise the public of the proposed street name change.

Hamilton Emergency Services, including Police and Fire, were advised of the proposed street name change and they support this recommendation and approve of the proposed street name Education Court.

**ANALYSIS / RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION**

Staff reviewed the submitted Site Plan DA-12-148 and noted that a previous access located at 50 Millwood Place was being replaced with a new access located off the cul-
de-sac portion of Fieldway Drive. After reviewing the streets in and around the proposed development, it was determined that two portions of Fieldway Drive existed that did not have through vehicular access due to a public walkway that connected the streets. The City of Hamilton Local Street Naming Policies, Guidelines and Procedures does not allow two streets using the same name as it can lead to confusion for staff, residents, and Emergency Services.

Additionally, condition Item 6(4) of Site Plan DA-12-148, requiring a street name change for Fieldway Drive, needs to be satisfied prior to the issuance of a building permit so that the HWDSB may move forward with the development of their education centre. The Street Name Request is a public process that needs to be approved by both Planning Committee and Council.

**ALTERNATIVES FOR CONSIDERATION**

The alternative is not to change the name and leave both portions of Fieldway Drive as they currently exist. This is not recommended because the proposed street name change will eliminate two existing streets with the same name that do not connect, and will avoid confusion, especially for Emergency Services. The City could be held responsible for any loss of life or property if delivery personnel or Emergency Services were unable to locate a dwelling due to duplicate street names.

**ALIGNMENT TO THE 2012 – 2015 STRATEGIC PLAN:**

**Strategic Priority #1**  
A Prosperous & Healthy Community

*WE enhance our image, economy and well-being by demonstrating that Hamilton is a great place to live, work, play and learn.*

**Strategic Objective**

1.5 Support the development and implementation of neighbourhood and City wide strategies that will improve the health and well-being of residents.

**Strategic Priority #2**  
Valued & Sustainable Services

*WE deliver high quality services that meet citizen needs and expectations, in a cost effective and responsible manner.*
Strategic Objective

2.2 Improve the City’s approach to engaging and informing citizens and stakeholders.

2.3 Enhance customer service satisfaction.

APPENDICES / SCHEDULES

Appendix “A” - Location Map
Appendix “B” - Site Plan DA-12-148
Appendix “C” - Reference Plan 62R-7879
Appendix “D” - Reference Plan 62R-8777
Appendix “E” - Reference Plan 62R-10286
Appendix “F” - Reference Plan 62R-11979
Appendix “G” - By-law to rename Fieldway Drive to Education Court

LW: mh
Location Map

PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

File Name/Number:
Fieldway Drive Name Change

Date:
June 14, 2013

Appendix "A" to Report PED13133

Scale: N.T.S.

Planner/Technician: LW/DB

Subject Property

- Portion of Fieldway Drive to be renamed to Education Court
- Walkway connecting two portions of Fieldway Drive

Ward 7 Key Map
N.T.S.
To rename a portion of Fieldway Drive to Education Court

WHEREAS notice of the proposal to pass this by-law was published in the Hamilton News prior to the passing of this by-law.

AND WHEREAS the Council of the City of Hamilton, through the Economic Development and Planning 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 Fieldway Drive, more particularly described as follows:

   Portion of PIN 169750025 and PIN 169750017
   City of Hamilton

   That a portion of Fieldway Drive as shown on Reference Plans 7879 and 8777 and commencing at the intersection of Fieldway Drive and Upper Wentworth Street, heading in a westerly direction a distance of approximately 90 metres, is hereby changed to Education Court.

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_______day of_______, 2013.

R. Bratina
Mayor

Rose Caterini
City Clerk

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