

CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF PETAWAWA

BY-LAW 228/02

**BEING A BY-LAW TO ESTABLISH A POLICY FOR THE NAMING OF
PUBLIC PLACES**

Whereas the Council of the Town of Petawawa deems it expedient to establish a policy for the naming of public places:

And Whereas the Municipal Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter M.45, Section 210 (111) provides for naming of highways or the changing of the names of highways:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF PETAWAWA AS FOLLOWS:

1. That Schedule "A" attached hereto be adopted by the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Petawawa as a policy for the naming of public places.
2. That Schedule "A" is deemed to form part of this by-law.
3. That this by-law shall come into force and take effect following third reading.

By-law read a first and second time this 16th day of September, 2002.

By-law read a third time this 16th day of September, 2002.



Mayor



Clerk

APPENDIX "A" TO BY-LAW 128/02

CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF PETAWAWA

A POLICY TO GOVERN THE NAMING OF PUBLIC PLACES

PURPOSE

To provide guidelines and process for the naming of any place or building that is, or is likely to be, of public or historical interest and shall include all streets, physical features and parks and buildings, owned & controlled by the Town of Petawawa.

RATIONALE

Geographical names are indicative of our history, our culture, of what we deem important, as well as the people and places that have had an impact on us. Poorly chosen names cause inconveniences to residents, visitors and commercial and emergency personnel. In most cases, names are permanent features on the landscape.

GUIDELINES TO CONSIDER WHEN PROPOSING/CHOOSING NAMES

It is up to the applicant, who makes the request for a name change, to ensure that the proposed name(s) meets with local approval.

GENERAL GUIDELINES

- Priority is given to names well established in local use. If there is no current name for a feature, then if an historical one can be found, then that name will be chosen. If there is neither a current nor historical name, then a descriptive name will be considered.
- Preferred sources of new names (i.e. where no local names are in use) are:
 - appropriate descriptive words; or
 - names of pioneers, explorers and historical events connected with the area; or
 - names from Native languages identified with the general area

Names

- Must not duplicate (or likely to be confused with) existing names within the Town or nearby areas
- Should be easy to pronounce, spell and write
- Should not be offensive, when judged against community standards, including those of culturally diverse communities
- Must be appropriate to the locality
- Should be euphonious and in good taste

- Approved in a single language form in the Roman alphabet
- Names of *living* persons or current organizations may not be used, except for Service Clubs.
- Names of deceased persons may be used only where the person:
 - has had a direct and long term association with the locality; and
 - is recognized by the general public, as having made an outstanding contribution either to the community, the province or the country
 - has been deceased for at least five years

PROCEDURE AND PROCESSES FOR ASSIGNING NAMES

NAMING / RENAMING EXISTING STREETS

Naming

1. Requests for naming existing unnamed streets must be made in writing to the Town.
2. A public consultation will take place. Proposals will be advertised for four weeks before being discussed at a public meeting of Council.
3. By-law 38/98, which establishes a Civic Addressing Policy, along with this policy shall be followed. In the event of a conflict in policy the 911 policy shall prevail.

Renaming

1. The process for renaming streets shall be that set out in the Municipal Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter M.45, Section 210 (111). This involves a prescribed period and method of advertising as well as a public meeting to hear any person who may be prejudicially affected by the renaming of the street.

Naming Streets in New Subdivisions

1. The developer may submit names for all new subdivision streets to the municipality for the approval of Council.
2. The Clerk will submit proposed new names to the County of Renfrew 911 Coordinator to ensure there is no duplication or confusion between the proposed name(s) and names already assigned for 911 Civic Addressing purposes.
3. Final decision for the naming of streets in new subdivision shall be at the sole discretion of Council.
4. Road suffixes shall be within the acceptable terminology established by the County of Renfrew for 911 Civic Addressing purposes.

Special Circumstances:

1. The Council of the Town of Petawawa may in special circumstances waive any or all provisions of this Policy.