

# Delegation Request

This request and any written submissions or background information for consideration by either Council or Committees of Council is being submitted to Legislative Services.

**Council or Committee (Choose One) \***

Heritage Advisory Committee

**Council or Committee Meeting Date \* ?**

2023-9-11



**Subject \***

irregularities with the 2006 Town of Aurora Street Naming Policy

**Full Name of Spokesperson and Name of Group or Person(s) being Represented (if applicable) \***

Christopher Watts

**Brief Summary of Issue or Purpose of Delegation \***

After reviewing the 126 names of fallen members on the Aurora Cenotaph(s) including the Alter of Sacrifice it has been confirmed with staff in planning that at time of this writing only 18 streets in Aurora have been named after these members to date.

There are an additional 8 names in the Bank of Approved street names bringing a total of 26 out of 126 names.

Multiple names of fallen members have rejected by the region on other grounds and this needs to be reviewed to ensure fallen members are not being refused where opportunities arise for them to be remembered.

After cross referencing these names with the streets named to date it has also been noticed that only 7 of the currently named 18 streets have been embellished with a poppy as is the adopted policy from 2001 stated in Section 3.0, point #2.

An effort needs to be made to ensure that this oversight is corrected.

**Have you been in contact with a Town staff or Council member regarding your matter of interest?**

\*

☒ Yes

☐ No

**Full name of the Town staff or Council member with whom you spoke**

Adam Robb

**Date you spoke with Town staff or a Council member**

2023-8-21



**I acknowledge that the Procedure By-law permits five (5) minutes for Delegations.** \*

☒ Agree



LEST WE FORGET

# LEAVE NO MAN BEHIND

AN OVERDUE REVIEW OF  
THE TOWN OF AURORA'S STREETS OF HONOR

DELEGATION TO HAC, SEPTEMBER 11, 2023

CHRISTOPHER WATTS



AURORA.  
SCALE 10 CHAINS TO 1 INCH.

The Town of Aurora's  
street naming policy was  
approved in 2001  
and last updated in 2006.

There appears to be a multitude of irregularities in the application of the policy over the past 22 years which have been compiled here for your review.







I can locate only **28 streets**  
in Aurora named after the  
**71 fallen** on the Cenotaph.

39%

- \* BABER, HAROLD R.
- \* BRODIE, ALEX H.
- CLIFT, RUSSELL
- \* COLLINGWOOD, ANGUS
- COUSINS, ALBERT
- \* DAVIS, A. ERNEST
- \* HARPER, ROY
- HAWTIN, LEWIS A.
- \* HILL, JOHN E. ? or HILL, A. LORNE ?
- \* HILLARY, R. STUART
- \* HOLLINGSHEAD, R.
- \* HONEY, LEWIS E.
- \* HOLLIDGE, ROBT. C.
- \* KIDD, THOS. A.
- \* LUXTON, FRED
- \* MCMASTER, THOS.
- \* MONKMAN, J. WALTER
- \* PENROSE, HARRY H.
- \* POINTON, PERCY
- \* PETERMANN, WILFRED F.
- \* PARKER, RUSSELL
- \* STECKLEY, HAROLD B. ? or STECKLEY, ROY C. ?
- \* STILES, W. STEWART
- \* STONE, HARRY
- \* STOCKS, ROY
- \* WALLWARK, J. HERBERT
- \* WILLIS, GARNET
- \* WOODROOF, CHAS.

ALEXANDER, G.  
ALLEN, HENRY H.  
ALLEN, JAMES  
AMOS, JAMES A.  
BROWN, SHERMAN  
BROWN, HAROLD  
BROWN, HERMAN C.  
BROWN, STANLEY G.  
CAMPBELL, KENNETH L. T.  
CHAMBERLAIN, WM.  
CRAIGIE, LEWIS?  
CRAIGIE, WM. ?  
CROSSKILL, THOS.  
DOUGLASS, ED  
DOYLE, MAX  
DOYLE, WILFRED  
ELWOOD, LLOYD  
EXLEY, W. KENNETH  
FERGUSON, JOHN  
FERGUSON, LEONARD  
FORESTER, STAFFORD  
GRAY, GILBERT A.  
HARRIS, WALTER  
HARMAN, R. CHAS.  
HARMAN, WM. J.  
HARTMAN, R. ROSS  
HIGGS, HEBER  
HOWARD, THOS. GEO.

JONES, C. W.  
LITTLE, TELFORD  
MARSHALL, AUBREY M.  
MERCHANT, WALLACE  
MULLOY, E. HAROLD  
PROCTOR, JAMES ALBERT  
ROSE, ERNEST  
ROUTLEDGE, JNO. R.  
STEWART, HARRY  
WILKINSON, FRED H. B.  
WM. WALKER, M. C.  
WATSON, TOWNLEY



I can locate only **23 streets**  
in Aurora named after the  
**55 fallen** on the  
Alter of Sacrifice.

*1 Con. King Lot 81*

- \* BENVILLE, LAWRENCE J.
- \* BOWLER, WILLIAM
- \* CHADBURN, LLOYD V.
- \* DALTON, A. B. CLIFFORD
- \* DAVIDSON, JOHN A.
- \* DOVE, WALTER
- \* DUGGAN, THOMAS A.
- \* FIFE, FRED
- \* FOLLIOTT, ERIC
- \* GLEAVE, DONALD R.
- \* HEANEY, WESLEY
- \* HOWARD, BURTON
- \* JOHNSON, FRANK
- \* JONES, HENRY C.
- \* MCBRIDE, WARREN
- \* MUGFORD, WILLIAM
- \* PRIMEAU, JOSEPH P.
- \* SNEDDEN, ANDREW
- \* SNIVELY, DOUGLAS S.
- \* STILES, BRUCE
- \* WILLIAMSON, H. WARD
- \* WINN, ELMER S.
- \* WYATT, ALAN A.

42%

ASH, J. RANKIN  
BENJAMIN, ROY E.  
BRADBURY, JOHN  
BROWN, WILLIAM D.  
BURGON, PERCY  
CHADWICK, ALBERT  
COX, G. D.  
CROSSLEY, WILLIAM  
CUTLER, ERIC E.  
DAVIS, GEORGE  
DAWSON, ANGUS  
DAWSON, CHARLES  
EDWARDS, MASON A.  
GITTINS, ROBERT B.  
HAYES, DENNIS  
HEATH, WILLIAM  
KING, PERRY  
KING, WILLIAM D.  
MCKENZIE, DOUGLAS  
MORNING, ORLIE  
ROBSON, MELVIN P. F.  
RUTHERFORD, ROSS S.  
STEPHENSON, WESLEY, MM  
STYLES, FREDERICK L.  
THOMPSON, DONALD H.  
WALKER, GORDON V.







When these **7** names are combined to the existing **51 streets** it brings the total to **58** out of **126** names.

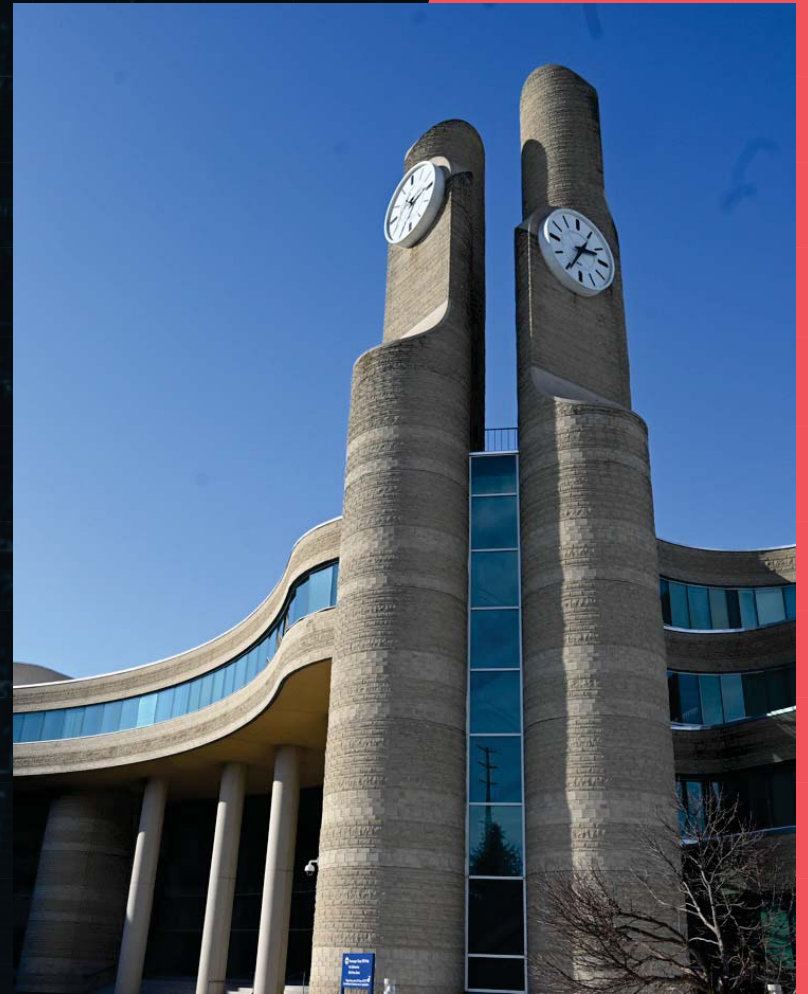
A greater effort needs to be made to ensure that equitable consideration is given to the ***68 forgotten heroes***.

46%



**AURORA.**  
SCALE 10 CHAINS TO 1 INCH.

The following are **4**  
of the **68 heroes**  
the Region has **rejected** for  
inclusion in the Town of  
Aurora's bank of approved  
street names.







## W.O.II William David King

William David King was the Son of William Charles and Esther Price King, 30 Yonge St. North Aurora. Brother to Perry King.

King attended **Aurora High School** between 1934 and 1936 and **St. Andrews College** between 1936 and 1937. He enjoyed swimming, badminton, basketball, hockey, rugby, baseball and tennis.



### EX-COMMANDO KILLED LEARNING TO BE PILOT

A commando army officer who served overseas and was selected for training as a fighter pilot with army co-operation air squadrons. Lieut. William David King, R.C.A.F., 25, of Riverside Trail, was instantly killed in a plane crash at Penetanguishene Sunday.

His Harvard trainer, out of Camp Borden, flying in a formation of



LIEUT. W. D. KING



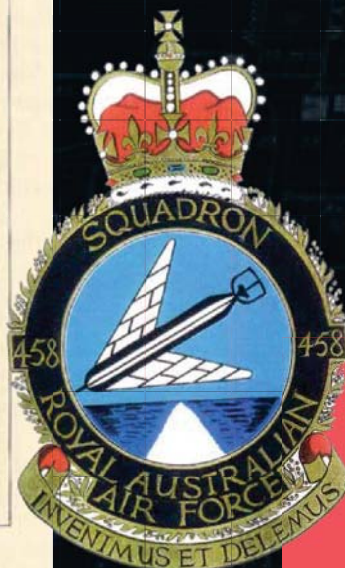
King was **24 years of age** when the Harvard IIB he was piloting crashed during training exercises in Penetanguishene December 12th, 1943.

William David King is buried at Aurora Cemetery, Lot S. 109. Sec A

## Pilot Officer Perry King



WARRANT OFFICER II PERRY KING  
ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE



Perry King was the Son of William Charles and Esther Price King, 30 Yonge St. North Aurora. Brother to William David King.

King attended **Aurora Public School** between 1928 and 1935.  
**Aurora High School** between 1935 and 1938 and  
**St. Andrews College** between 1938 and 1939.  
Perry King enjoyed hockey, rugby, baseball and tennis.



King served as a Pilot Officer in 458 Squadron of the RAAF and was killed in action on his **21<sup>st</sup> birthday** February 25th, 1943 as the second pilot of Vickers Wellington LB134 that was shot down in action in Italy.

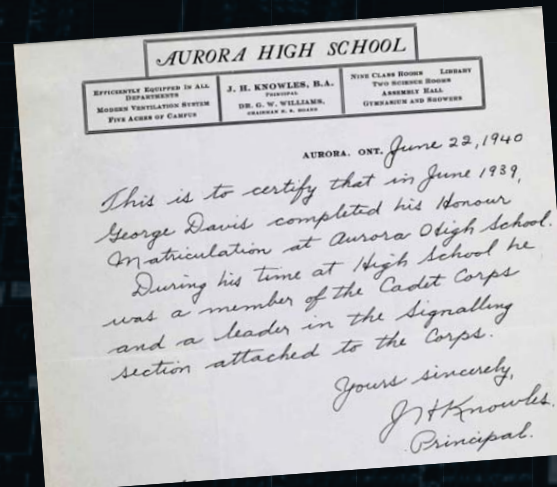
Perry King has **no known grave**.





## Sergeant George Alvin Davis

Davis attended **Aurora High School** between 1934 and 1939. He enjoyed hockey, softball, baseball, golf, swimming, tennis and football.



Attached to the 52 OTU Davis was **21 years old** when killed in action February 11th, 1942 while piloting his Spitfire P9546. Remnants of his plane were uncovered this August near Dymock, Gloucestershire.

Davis is buried at Chalford Tabernacle Graveyard, England.





## Pilot Officer John Lewis Bradbury



### Aurora Pilot's Bravery Saved Two Crewmen's Lives, Padre Writes Wife

Aurora, June 25—Mrs. John Bradbury, wife of Aurora, recently received a letter from a padre of the R.C.A.F. overseas telling her the first details of the death of her husband, Pilot Officer John Bradbury. He was killed when his plane, bearing four occupants, crashed a few miles off the coast of Scotland in April. Another occupant of the plane also was killed. The other two were rescued.

"I have just returned from visiting the station where your husband last served," the padre wrote. "The manner of his going was that of a hero. He refused to allow the other pilot to guide the plane and by his courage and self-sacrifice saved the rest of the crew. One of the members of the crew told me that 'Bradbury was a brave man. He flew the plane remarkably well and when I last saw him he was smiling.'"

Pilot Officer Bradbury was educated at Aurora high school and Queen's University. He joined the Toronto police force among the picked crew of cadets chosen by Chief D. C. Draper. He enlisted in 1940 and received his wings at

Born July 29, 1911 in Aurora. Bradbury attended **Aurora Public School** between 1917 and 1924 and **Aurora High School** between 1924 and 1929. Bradbury served as a Corporal in the **Queens York Rangers** between 1925 and 1930 and worked as a heel builder for **T. Sisman Shoe Company** between 1929 and 1934.



Bradbury was **30 years old** when he was killed in Action April 1st, 1942 while attached to 20 OTU in Lossiemouth. He was the **first casualty among Aurora boys** serving with the armed forces.

Bradbury has no known grave.



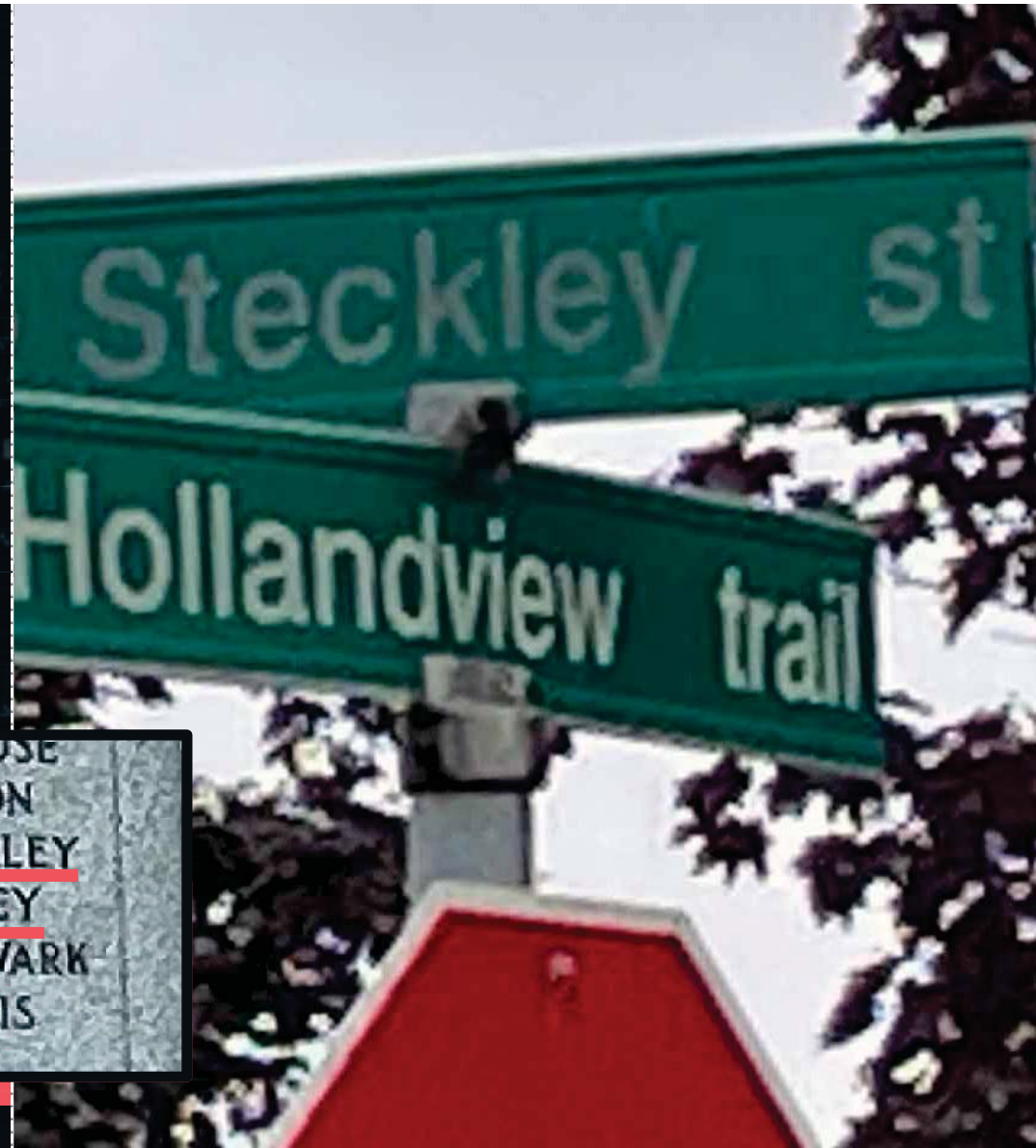
## Two heroes, One street?

Is **Steckley street** named after  
Harold Steckley or Roy Steckley?

Or was a decision made that these **two**  
fallen members should *share one street*?



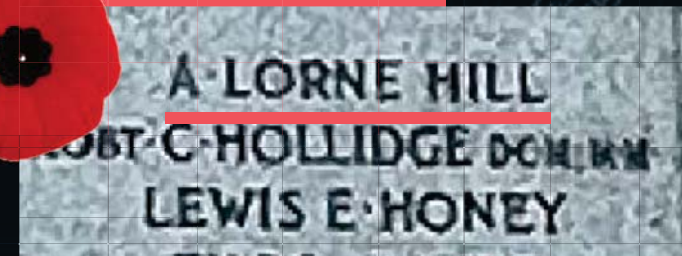
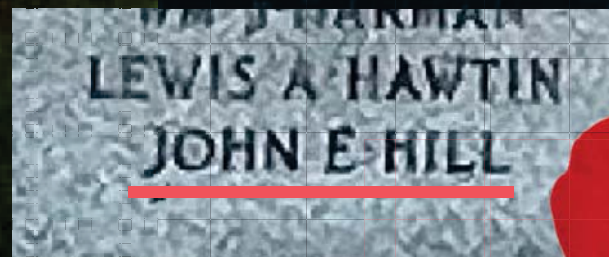
HARRY H. PENROSE  
PERCY POINTON  
HAROLD B. STECKLEY  
ROY C. STECKLEY  
J. HERBERT WALLWARK  
GARNET WILLIS





There can only be one?

Is **Hill Dr.** named after A Lorne Hill or John E. Hill?  
Or was a decision made that these **two** fallen  
members should *share one street*?





# We shall not sleep tho' poppies blow

In the policy document **that has been in place for 21 years**, there is a clearly written provision for **including a poppy** on the signs named after **those who are honoured on the Town cenotaph(s)**



## Street Naming Policy

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- Soldiers who are honoured on the Town Cenotaph. The street signs for streets named after those who are honoured on the Town cenotaphs shall be identified with a poppy emblem after their name.

Of the **51 streets** currently named after fallen members it appears **only 43** are marked with poppies. These names are marked with an asterisk on the previous slides.

This leaves the following streets without poppies:

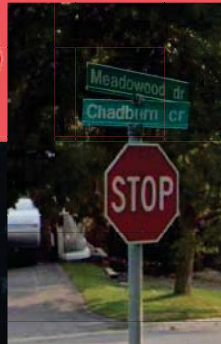


## Not all poppies are created equal



Some Aurora streets have had poppies on their signs for years. In the case of Lewis Honey Dr. the poppy has been in place since this Google streets capture of 2009.

Other streets, like **Chadburn Cres.** have only recently had their poppy affixed. The sign looks to have been replaced sometime between present day and the Google streetview snapshot of 2020. Between 2001 and 2020-ish **Chadburn Cres** did not feature a poppy.



CHADBURN, LLOYD V.  
D.S.O. & BAR. CHEVALIER  
LEGION OF HONOUR  
CROIX DE GUERRE  
D.F.C.



Oshawa also has a street named after **Lloyd Chadburn DSO & Bar, DFC.** How is it that **Oshawa** was able to follow their policy approved in 2006 yet here in **Aurora**, Chadburn's poppy was somehow **forgotten for decades?**





## Not all signs of the same street receive poppies



Some Aurora streets are marked with multiple signs at different entrances. Example: McMaster ave. the poppy was featured on one sign but not another. This is not what is stated in the policy.



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Good enough?



The policy states that signs will be identified with a poppy emblem after their name.

Yet **all except one sign** features the **poppy before the name**.

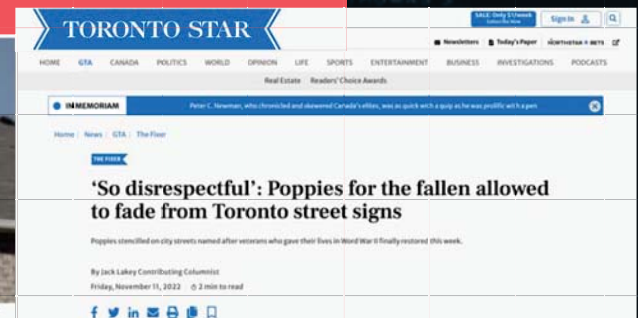
In the case of **Monkman ct.** it appears the smallest poppy possible was squeezed into the sign to possibly save from having it replaced.

## Is it better to burn out or fade away?



The poppies on some signs have **faded severely** and are in need of replacement.

Other municipalities have adjusted their sign maintenance programs to address this



## Veterans



Neither **Edwin Pearson** nor **OstICK** are names on the Cenotaph(s).

Both have been honoured with streets decorated with poppies even though the policy clearly states this is reserved for those honoured on the town's cenotaph(s).

If veterans are to be included in this honour there needs to be a change to the policy.

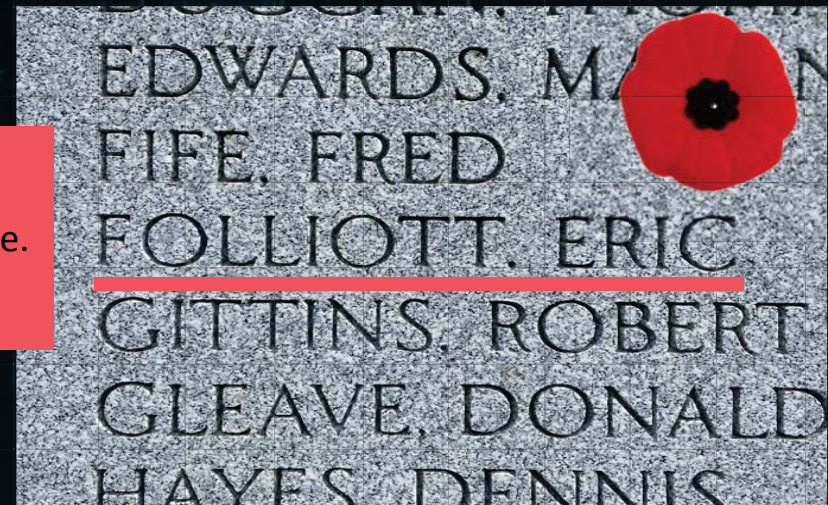


## Crossing t's and dotting i's



There is a “*Folliot*” street in Aurora marked with a poppy.  
You will not find a “*Folliot*” on the Cenotaph(s).

You will find a “*Folliott*” spelt with two t's on the Alter of Sacrifice.





## Flying Officer Eric Walter Folllott

Eric Folllott attended **Aurora High School** between 1925 and 1930. He enjoyed baseball, golf and tennis.



Folllott was **31 years old** when killed in action on June 29<sup>th</sup>, 1944 while attached to **RCAF 424 Squadron**. Folllott's Halifax BIII LV961 crashed in France during night operations. Eric Folllott is buried at Marissel French National Cemetery Coll. Grave 267-271. He has a marker at the King Township Cemetery.

Is the Town of Aurora satisfied honoring this casualty of war with a misspelt street name?

## Resolutions for consideration

Have staff **perform a formal audit** to **review the implementation of the policy to date.**

With respect to the poppy component of the policy determine and report **when decals were applied** to each sign.

**Assign ownership of policy**, in whole or in parts to appropriate departments and external partners **outlining overlap and coordination** between all involved.

**Set interval for policy review** and outline this in the updated policy.

As part of asset management best practises **establish a proper database** to track all changes with regards to particulars surrounding Aurora's streets of honor.

Compile and release this all findings a **public report**, subject to the town's **Accountability and Transparency** policies and **Open Data** best practices.



## Resolutions for consideration

**Re-apply all 68 missing names to the bank** for regional approval.

Staff has identified that the Region of York refuses names that are too long.

***How long is too long? Is there a hard character limit established?***

Removing middle names and abbreviating where appropriate should allow for most names to qualify.

**Example:** **John Leslie Bradbury** (18 characters) could be **John Bradbury** (12 characters).

It has also been noted that the Region refuses names that could be mistaken for other names.

A workaround for this is to include the fallen member's first name to differentiate.

**Example:** if **"Bradbury"** is too similar to existing **"Banbury Court"** then add first name **"John Bradbury"**.

New street names that may be confused with existing streets be treated with one of the 13 different suffixes listed in the policy (Street, Avenue, Way, Road, Drive, Trail, Boulevard, Crescent, Court, Place, Square, Gate, Circle or Lane).

**Example:** **"Banbury Court"** vs **"John Bradbury Drive"**.



## Resolutions for consideration

In instances of pairing of names (examples : Hill Dr. , Steckley Street. and Davis Rd.) explore solutions whereby *each unique casualty of way is honoured*.

Davis Rd is named after **Ernest Davis**. **What about George Alvin Davis?**

When revisiting the **68 neglected names** there are potential streets that will require this to be addressed:



**King** named after **Perry** or **William**?

**Craigie** named after **Lewis** or **Wm.**?

**Dawson** named after **Angus** or **Charles**?

**Brown** named after **Henry, James, Sherman, Harold** or **William**?

**Harman** named after **R chas** or **Wm.**?

**Doyle** named after **Max** or **Wilfred**?

**Ferguson**, named after **John** or **Leonard**?

## Resolutions for consideration

**Affix poppies to all signs** that have been neglected, replacing signs where needed.

Examples: Heaney Crt., Clift Rd., Hawtin Lane., Johnson rd., Williamson terrace., and Duggan st.



**Affix poppies to all signs of the same street** that have been neglected, replacing signs where needed. **Example : McMaster Ave.**



**Replace worn poppy decals** and establish a maintenance schedule to accompany the policy to **prevent these decals from noticeably fading.**

**Example : Fife Rd.**



**Replace the poppies that are non-uniform** and appear to be smaller in scale or affixed to signs hastily to satisfy the policy.

**Example: Monkman Ct.**



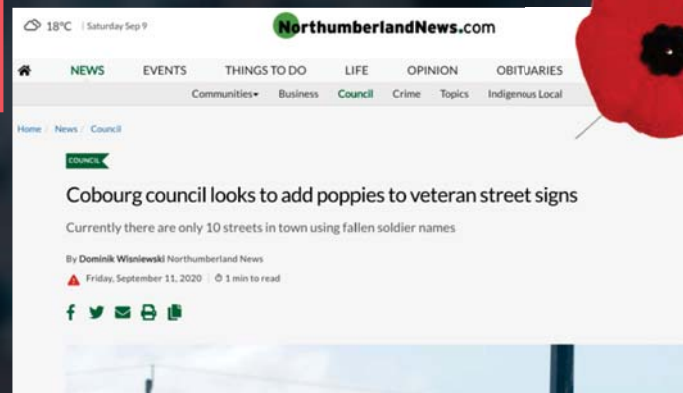
Attempt to rectify as many of these errors before **November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023.**  
2 months from this delegation.

# Resolutions for consideration

Update the current policy to **address the scope of the poppy application** and address the **missing inclusion of honouring veterans**.

**Involve the Legion** as is the best practice.

Precedent : Coburg, Sept 11, 2020



## Resolutions for consideration

Fix the **self inflicted error** of misspelling “*Folliot*” street.

Change the name of the street to **honour Eric Folliott** as his name appears on the Alter of Sacrifice.  
There are 25 addresses on this street.

Alternatively remove the poppy off the street sign and re-enter Folliott’s correct name into the street bank, along with the prefix of his first name to avoid confusion with the misspelt street.



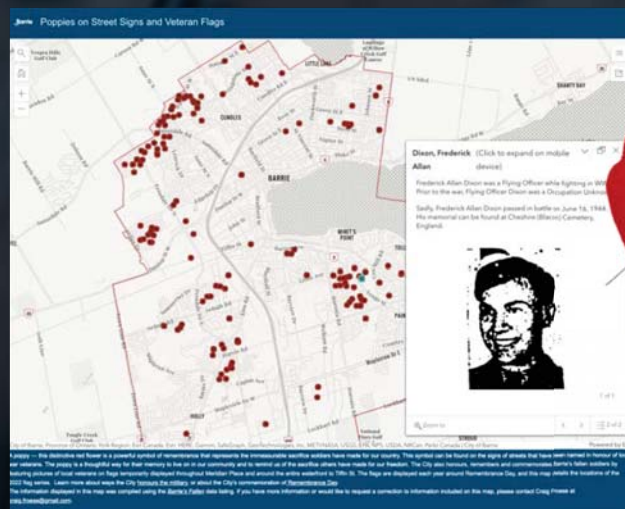
EDWARDS, MASON  
FIFE, FRED  
FOLLIOTT, ERIC  
GITTINS, ROBERT  
GLEAVE, DONALD  
HAYES, DENNIS



# Resolutions for consideration

Investigate the feasibility of leveraging the town's GIS solutions to **create an interactive online map** for exploration of Aurora's streets of honour as done in other municipalities.

Examples: Barrie and Cambridge



# Thank You



Library Archives Canada



Commonwealth War Graves Commission

Veterans Affairs Canada –  
Canadian Virtual War Memorial



Internet Archive



Canadian War Museum



YRDSB Museum & Archives

National Wall of Remembrance  
Association



Dilip Sarkar, MBE FRHistS



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# Lest we forget