

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) *

General Committee

Council or Committee Meeting Date * ?

2023-10-3



Subject *

Street Naming Policy

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

Christopher Watts, The Aurora Heritage Authority

Brief Summary of Issue or Purpose of Delegation *

To alert council to several irregularities in the application of the town's street naming policy. Outlining the adverse impacts the neglect of this policy has had on those it is intended to honour and providing recommendations for council to resolve.

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, John Gallo

Date you spoke with Town staff or a Council member

2023-9-1



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 - OCTOBER 3rd, 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.



6. Delegations

6.1 Christopher Watts, Resident; Re: Irregularities with 2006 Town of Aurora Street Naming Policy

Christopher Watts presented an overview of the Town of Aurora Street Naming Policy and identified concerns including: a number of names from the cenotaphs and Alter of Sacrifice not being included in the policy, current street name recognition being unclear, inconsistency with poppy emblems missing from streets names, needing repair, and being included on streets not named after those individuals included on the cenotaphs. They further provided recommended next steps. The Committee provided comments regarding their role as an advisory committee, some of the missing names from the policy, next steps regarding both current sign amendments and the addition of future signage. They further discussed

delegation to Heritage Advisory Committee September 11, 2023.

Heritage Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
Monday, September 11, 2023

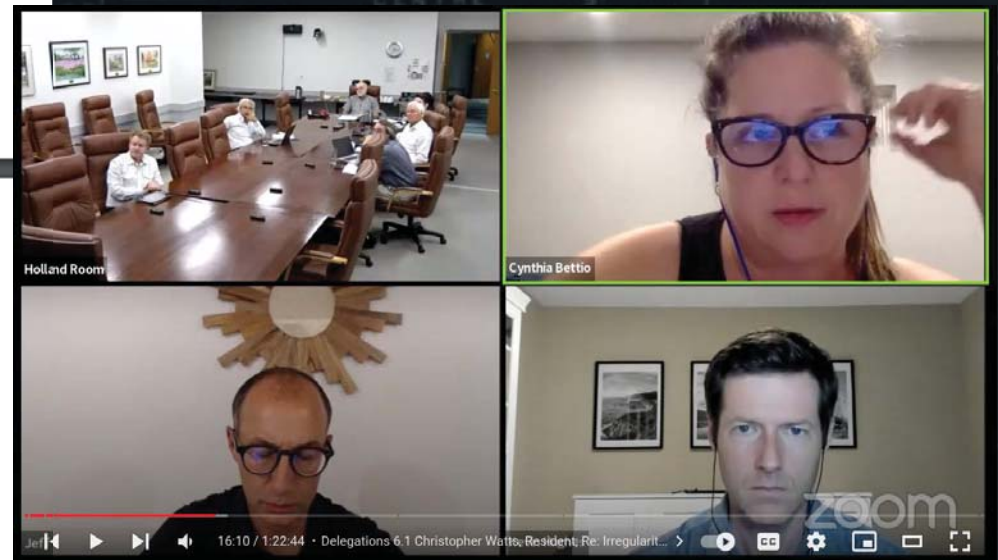
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Councillor Gallo bringing forward a Notice of Motion to a future General Committee meeting regarding the identified amendments and policy revisions. Staff advised that some of the recommended next steps could be implemented internally as well.

Moved by John Green
Seconded by Bob McRoberts

That the comments of the delegation be received for information.

Carried





Only **28** streets in Aurora appear to be named after the **71** fallen members on the **Cenotaph**.

- * 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.

39%

- 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

Only **23** streets in Aurora appear to be named after the **55** fallen members on the **Alter of Sacrifice.**

1st 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.



dated January 31, 2020

BANK OF APPROVED STREET NAMES

Name Reserved by Region	Historical Reference
BLAY	Past Councillor - 1933
BLICK	Citizen of the Year - 1970
BUGS	Early Landowner West of Yonge St. Con 1 lot 65
BUNN	Early Landowner - 1933-37
CHAS SMITH	Past Councillor - 1933-37
CONSTABLE	War Memorial Cenotaph (WWI 1914-19)
DE HOEN	Past Councillor
DOUGLAS SNIVELY	Past Landowner from 1800's (Conc 2 Lot 17)
FATHERS	Early Landowner Cenotaph (WWII 1939-45)
FISH	War Memorial from 1800's (Conc 1 Lot 79)
FLO MURRAY	War Memorial - 1944
FLUMERFELT	Past Councillor - 1891-92
GRIFITH	Volunteer and Advocate of Aurora's Senior Population
GUNTON	Past Councillor - 1891-92
HARRY KAY	Early Landowner of the 1890's (48 Mosley St.)
HINDER	Past Councillor - 1940-43
HULSE	Past Councillor - 1911
KROECHTER	War Memorial Cenotaph (WWI 1939-45)
LARGE	Past Councillor - 1913-15
LOBLAW	Past Councillor
MORRIS	War Memorial Cenotaph (WWI 1939-45)
NORM STEWART +	Past Councillor - 1934
OURSH	Former Aurora Police Officer James Kroechter
PAGAN	Past Councillor - 1934
ROBERT	Listed on previous name bank
SMITH	Past Councillor - 1938
STEWART	Citizen of the Year - 1938
TRANMER	Past Councillor (see below for restrictions)
WADE	Listed on previous name bank
WILSON	Past Reserve, Hardware Merchant - 1890-91
YONGE	War Memorial Cenotaph
ZIMMERMAN	Past Councillor - 1983-88
	Past Reserve - 1983-88
	War Memorial Cenotaph
	Citizen of the Year - 1982
	War Memorial Cenotaph
	Early Landowner of the 1800's (Conc 1 Lot 85)
	Local Volunteer - 1884-86
	Past Councillor - 1884-86
	War Memorial Cenotaph (WWI 1939-45)
	War Memorial Cenotaph (WWI 1939-45)
	War Memorial Cenotaph (WWI 1939-45)
	Past Councillor - 1911
	War Memorial Cenotaph (WWI 1939-45)
	Past Councillor - 1944, 1947-48
	Memorial Cenotaph
	Landowner of the 1800's (Conc 1 Lot 11)
	War Memorial Cenotaph (WWI 1939-45)
	Reserve, 1880, 1884-88, 1892-95

justly selected, and have since been returned to the name

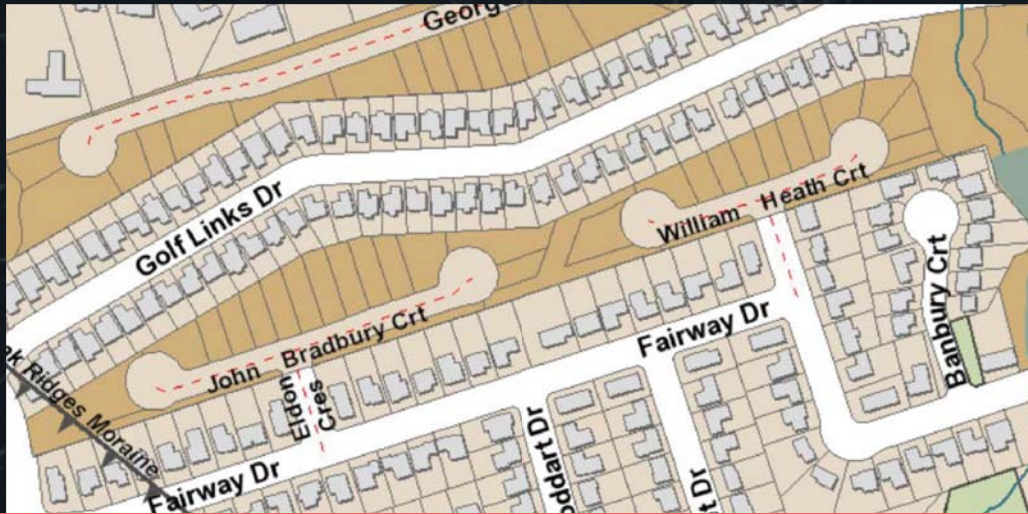
Short **75** names we turn to the Town of Aurora's Bank of approved street names last updated **January 31, 2020.**



In this bank we find only **7** of
these **37** names are of the fallen
from the town's Cenotaph(s)

- SMITH, CHAS. W.
- KAY, HARRY L.
- PAGAN, WILLIAM D.
- RUMBLE, ROBERT
- TRANMER, WILLIAM T.
- TURP, ROBERT J.
- WADE, REGINALD

2 names under Development



There are 2 names from the *Alter of Sacrifice* assigned to streets under development, they are:
John Bradbury and William Heath

When these **9** names are combined with the existing **51** streets it brings the total to **60** out of **126** names.

48%

A greater effort by all involved needs to be made to ensure that equitable consideration is given to these **66 forgotten heroes**.

York Region has **rejected 66 heroes** for inclusion in the Town of Aurora's bank of approved street names.



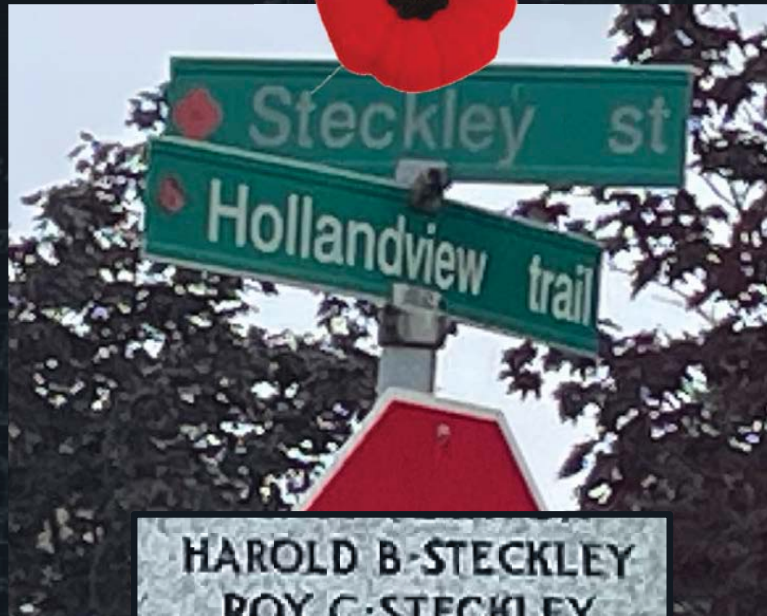
Two heroes, one street?



LEWIS A HAWTHORNE
JOHN E HILL

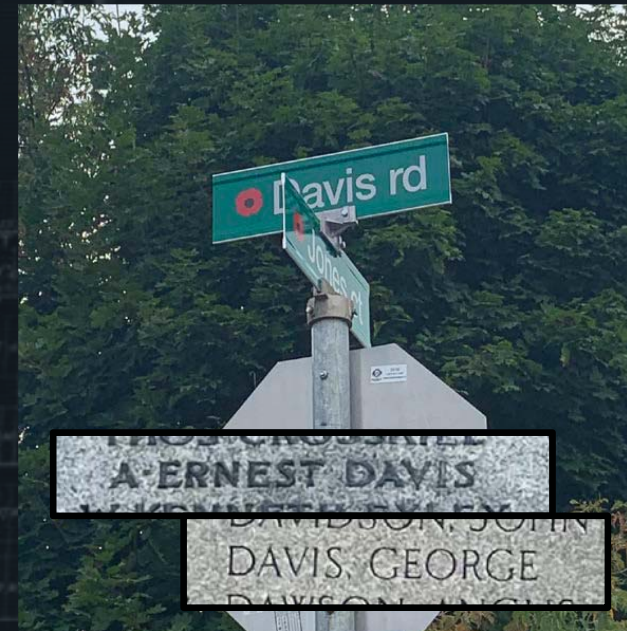
A LORNE HILL
ROY C HOLLIDAY

Is **Hill Dr.** named after
A Lorne Hill or *John E. Hill*?



HAROLD B STECKLEY
ROY C STECKLEY

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



A ERNEST DAVIS
DAVIDSON, JOHN
DAVIS, GEORGE
DAVIDSON, HUGHES

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



Resolutions for consideration

Council direct staff to **re-apply all 66 missing names** to the bank for regional approval.

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



Flying Officer Eric Walter Folllott

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



FO Eric Folllott And Crew, Buried In France

Word has been received by Mrs. Elizabeth Folllott, Temperanceville, that her son, FO Eric W. Folllott, 31, who was reported missing by the R.C.A.F. in June, 1944, was killed over St. Pierre, France. FO Folllott and his entire crew were lost and are buried in the French military cemetery at Beauvais, France.

FO Folllott, a graduate of Aurora high school, enlisted in July, 1942, graduating from London in June, 1943. He had been overseas nearly a year. Surviving are his mother and a brother, William G. Folllott, R.C.A.F., Malton.




Folllott was **31 years old** when killed in action on June 29th, 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.

Crossing i's and dotting t's



There is a “*Folliot*” street in Aurora.

“*Folliott*” is spelt correctly with two t's, as reflected on the Alter of Sacrifice.



FIFE, FRED
FOLLIOTT, ERIC
GITTINS, ROBERT

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

The background of the slide is a photograph of a street sign. The top sign is green with white text that reads "LEST WE FORGET". Below it is a black and white "ONE WAY" sign. A red rectangular box with white L-shaped corner brackets is overlaid on the sign, containing the text "Resolution for consideration".

Resolution for consideration

Council direct staff to **fix the self inflicted error** of misspelling "***Folliot***" street.

There are 25 addresses on this street.

We shall not sleep tho' poppies blow

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.



In the policy document there is a clearly written provision for **including a poppy** on the signs named after those who are honoured on the Town cenotaph(s)



Of the **51 streets** currently named after fallen members it appears **only 43** are marked with poppies



Good enough?



Some Aurora streets are marked with multiple signs at different entrances. Example: **McMaster ave.** the *poppy was featured on one sign but not another.*



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

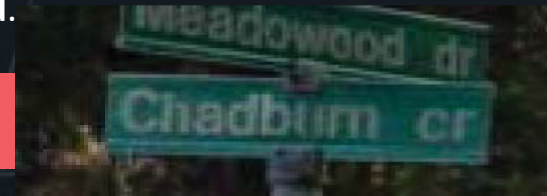
In the case of *Fife rd.* the poppy decal has **faded severely** and is in need of replacement.



Not all poppies are created equal

Poppy decals were not all retroactively applied at one time after the policy was approved. Some streets in Aurora have **only recently had their poppy affixed.**

Between 2001 and 2020-ish **Chadburn Cres** did not feature a poppy.



The sign appears to have been replaced sometime between the Google streetview snapshot of 2020 and present day

Oshawa also has a street named after **Chadburn.**

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?**



There is no report to council or the public disclosing what work has occurred at any time over the past 17 years making it difficult to learn what has been done, by whom and when.

Resolutions for consideration

Council direct staff to **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.

Council direct staff to **affix poppies to all signs of the same street** that have been neglected, replacing signs where needed.

Example : McMaster Ave.

Council direct staff to **replace worn poppy decals** and establish a **maintenance schedule** to accompany the policy.

Example : Fife Rd.

Council direct staff to **replace the poppies that are non-uniform** and appear to be smaller in scale **or affixed to signs hastily**.

Example: Monkman Ct.

Veterans and inclusivity



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 changes are required with the policy to provide for this.

Veterans and inclusivity



Photo provided by David Heard

Illingworth ct. is named after former Mayor *Dick Illingworth* who served as a navigator with the RCAF in WWII with the Ferry Command.

Following the War, Dick remained with the RCAF as an Auxiliary Officer with the rank of **Wing Commander**.

In 1952, Dick was appointed **Honourary RCAF Aide de Camp** to the Lieutenant Governor of Ontario.

There is no poppy on the signage for Illingworth ct.

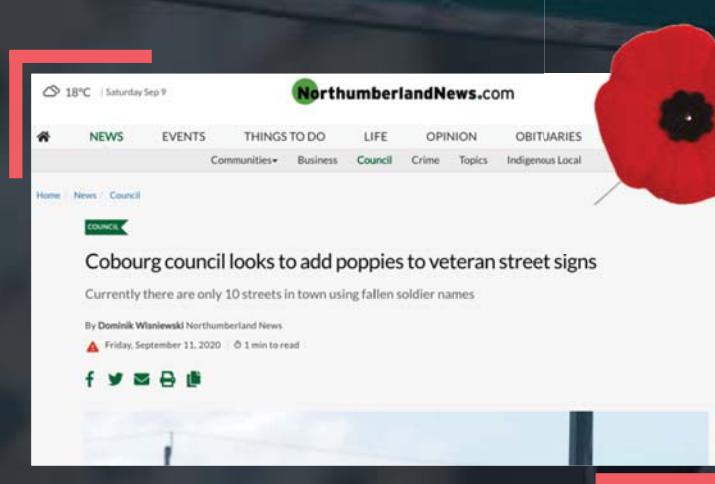


Is there a reason some veterans signs get poppies while **others do not**?

Resolution for consideration

Council direct staff to **update the current policy to address the scope of the poppy application** and **address the missing inclusion of honouring veterans.**

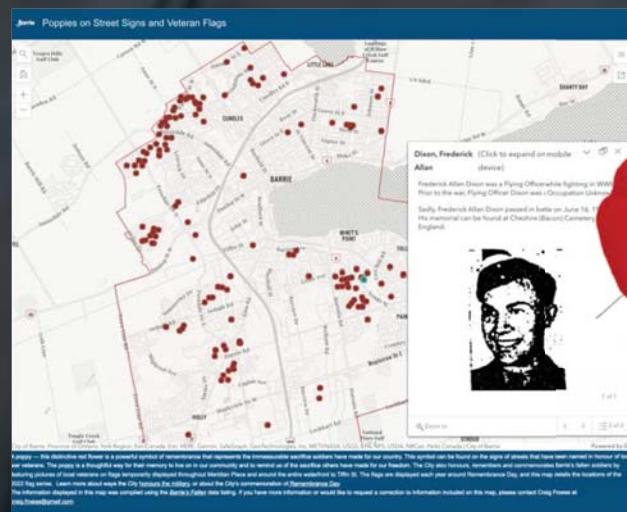
As the **Legion is the trademark owner of the poppy**, council direct staff to **involve the Legion in the policy as is the best practice in other municipalities**



Precedent : Coburg, Sept 11, 2020

Resolutions for consideration

Council direct staff to investigate the feasibility of leveraging the town's GIS solutions & Museum & Archives departments to create an interactive online map for exploration of Aurora's streets of honour as done in other municipalities.



Examples: Barrie and Cambridge



Resolutions for consideration

Council direct staff *perform a formal audit* to review the implementation of the policy to date and release all findings in a *public report* subject to the town's *Accountability and Transparency* policies.

Council direct staff to *assign ownership of policy*, in whole or in parts to appropriate departments and *identify external partners outlining overlap and coordination between all involved*.

Council direct staff to *set interval for policy review* and outline this in the updated policy.

As part of asset management best practises council direct staff to *establish a proper database to track all changes going forward*.



Lest we forget

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Aha!
[2012]
The Aurora
Heritage authority