COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE DECEMBER 1, 2009

ROAD NAME CHANGE- SOUTH BELAIR AVENUE TO SOUTH BELAIR DRIVE WARD 2

The City Clerk recommends:

THAT Council direct the City Clerk to initiate the street name change process to change the name of a portion of South Belair Avenue to South Belair Drive.

Contribution to Sustainability

N/A

Economic Impact

N/A

Communications Plan

Mailing to all affected property owners and all required agencies.

<u>Purpose</u>

To initiate the street name change process in order to properly rename a portion of South Belair Avenue, within Registered Plan 65M-3473, to South Belair Drive.

Background - Analysis and Options

It has come to the attention of City Staff that a portion of South Belair Drive, between Via Carmine Avenue and Silverado Trail, is legally named South Belair Avenue. The residents know this portion of road as "South Belair Drive", that being the name which appears on the street signs. Most other mapping sources, including City maps and common online mapping sources, recognize this street as South Belair Drive.

Confusion has arisen with some federal agencies such as Canada Post which only recognize the legal name, being South Belair Avenue. This has lead to situations where official documents are issued with a street address of South Belair Avenue, even though the residents know their street as South Belair Drive.

Plan 65M-3473, registered on December 27th, 2000, incorrectly identitied the street name as South Belair Avenue. The street name should have matched the street to the north in Plan 65M-3435, which had the name of South Belair Drive. The registered M-Plans have been used by outside agencies, such as Canada Post, and as a result they only recognize South Belair Avenue.

A total of 25 properties will be affected by the street renaming. All the property owners will be notified of the proposed change by way of a letter mailed out to them. In an effort to reduce confusion for the residents and to ensure consistency with the street to the north, it is recommended that the City Clerk be directed to initiate the formal road renaming process. This will correct the incorrect legal name of South Belair Avenue so that it will officially be known as South Belair Drive.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2020/Strategic Plan

This report is consistent with the priorities previously set by Council and the necessary resources have been allocated and approved.

Regional Implications

N/A

Conclusion

It is recommended that the City Clerk initiate the street name change process to rename a portion of South Belair Avenue to South Belair Drive.

Attachments

Location map

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Respectfully submitted,

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