

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - OCTOBER 4, 2004

APPLEWOOD CRESCENT EXTENSION – HIGHWAY 400 FLYOVER STREET NAME CHANGE

Recommendation

The Commissioner of Engineering and Public Works in consultation with the Commissioner of Legal and Administrative Services and the Fire Chief recommends:

1. That Council direct the City Clerk to commence the statutory procedures to rename Applewood Crescent and Chrislea Road to 'Portage Parkway' between Weston Road and Jane Street pursuant to the Municipal Act; and
2. That the effective date of the name changes coincides with the completion of the statutory procedure affecting the renaming process.

Purpose

To provide information to the public regarding the proposed street name changes affecting Applewood Crescent and Chrislea Road with the construction of the Applewood Crescent Extension – Highway 400 Flyover and the recommended street name change. The proposed street name changes to Chrislea Road and to Applewood Crescent would ensure that the new continuous thoroughfare has the same street name over its entire length from Weston Road through to Jane Street. (Refer to Attachment No. 1).

Background - Analysis and Options

The City of Vaughan will be constructing a link between Chrislea Road and Applewood Crescent with a bridge spanning Highway 400. The new road will connect Applewood Crescent with Chrislea Road at a location just East of Northview Boulevard. This improvement is necessary to accommodate growth in the area and the anticipated traffic volumes. Council has previously approved this undertaking and the works were subject of a Class Environmental Assessment completed in 2001.

The City is currently in the detailed design phase of the project and we expect to call tenders for this work before the end of 2004. Construction of the bridge and new section of road will begin in the spring of 2005 with completion planned for by the end of 2006.

To provide quick and efficient emergency services response, and to avoid confusion to the motoring and general public, staff recommend that the newly linked thoroughfare have the same street name over its entire length from Weston Road through to Jane Street. Due to the current street pattern, neither Chrislea Road nor Applewood Crescent can retain its name along the newly connected section between Weston Road and Jane Street without being duplicated.

Staff consulted with Fire and Rescue Services regarding the street renaming and Fire and Rescue Services are in concurrence that it would be beneficial to ensure a common street name over the new continuous thoroughfare to ensure quick and efficient emergency response.

Engineering staff considered a list of possible names, including some provided in consultation with Archival Services, and others that reflect the nature of the area that have been short listed to the following six listed below:

1. Millennium Way
2. Commerce Way
3. Enterprise Boulevard

4. Polly Devins Avenue
5. Portage Parkway
6. Braeburn Boulevard

Based on the nature of existing and future land uses the Commissioner of Engineering and Public Works recommends that Applewood Crescent and Chrislea Road be renamed to 'Portage Parkway' for the section of road connecting Weston Road to Jane Street.

Portage Parkway represents an appropriate name for a thoroughfare connecting two locales, in this case providing conveyance for goods and services between two prestige commercial areas by means of this newly constructed link.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2007

This project is consistent with Vaughan Vision 2007 in that the extension of Applewood Crescent over Highway 400 to Chrislea Road ensures that growth does not outpace the road network infrastructure (3.2.3) and that, the project incorporates road patterns in Block Plans to provide effective and efficient road and transit networks (3.3.2).

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

Conclusion

The benefits arising out of the street name change are:

- it will ensure quick and efficient response by Vaughan Fire and Rescue and other Emergency Services
- avoid confusion to the motoring and general public associated with multiple naming in the same thoroughfare
- helps in identifying a continuous prestige commercial area
- aids in traffic re-routing through the congested Highway 7 corridor

It is therefore appropriate to recommend that Council direct the City Clerk to commence the statutory procedures to rename Applewood Crescent and Chrislea Road to Portage Parkway between Weston Road and Jane Street pursuant to the Municipal Act.

To prepare for the anticipated 2006 bridge opening and in consideration of continuing area development in the interim period, we recommend that the street renaming be effective immediately upon the completion of the statutory procedure and public process.

Attachments

1. Location Map

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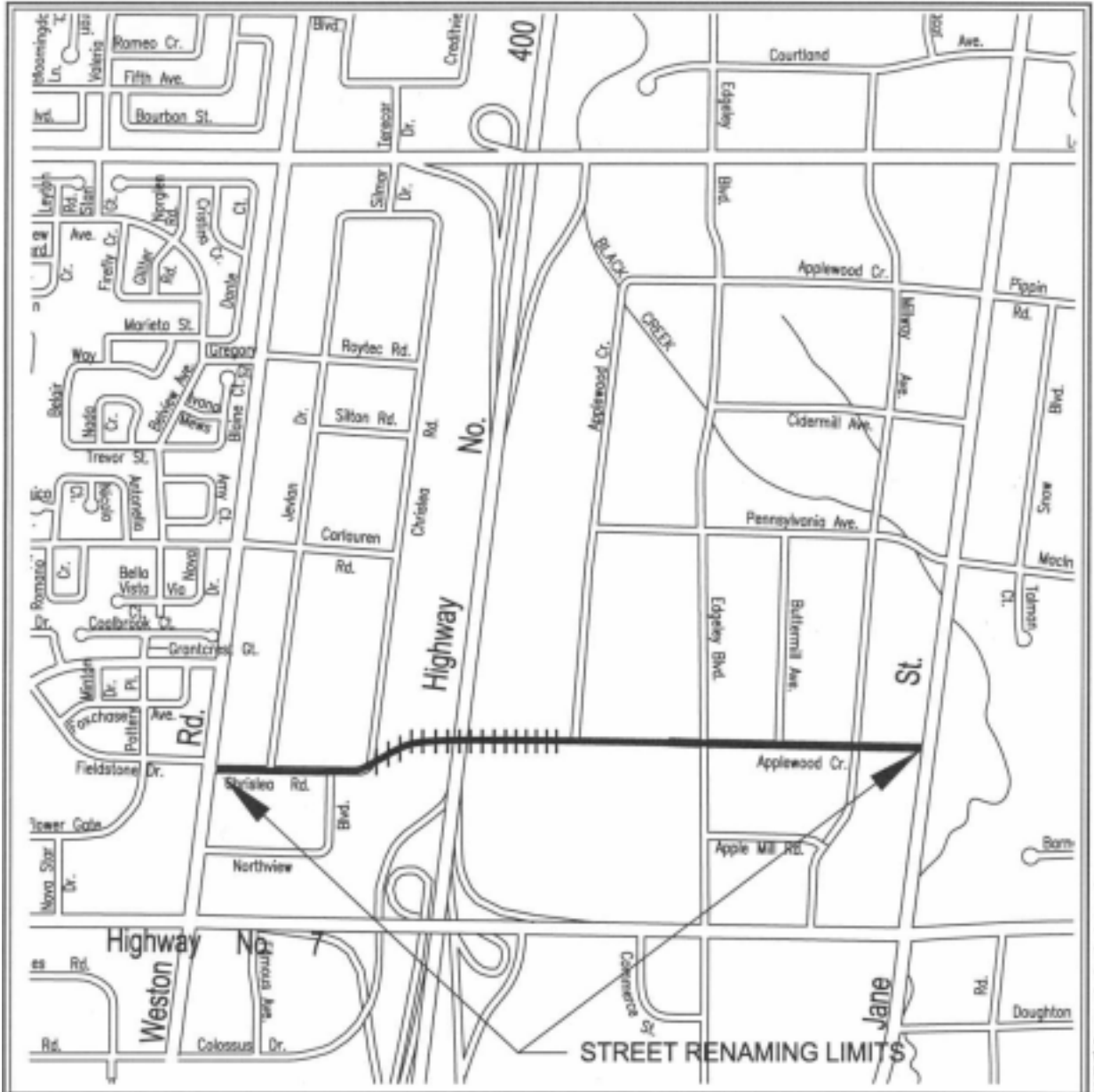
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SITE LOCATION MAP 1



PROPOSED STREET NAME CHANGE

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-  PROPOSED STREET NAME CHANGE
-  PROPOSED APPLEWOOD CRESENT EXTENSION - HIGHWAY 400 FLYOVER



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