

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE JUNE 15, 2010

ST. PADRE PIO CHURCH, STREET NAME CHANGE FROM OLD MAJOR MACKENZIE DRIVE TO ST. PADRE PIO GARDENS

Recommendation

Councillor Peter Meffe recommends that in support of the petition by over 800 citizens that the roadway now named Old Major Mackenzie Drive from Major Mackenzie Drive to west of Highland Creek Court be changed to St. Padre Pio Gardens subject to confirmation from the appropriate City Departments and the Region of York.

Contribution to Sustainability

n/a.

Economic Impact

Nil

Communications Plan

Upon approval by Council, it should be communicated to St. Padre Pio Church and the Fire Department. St. Padre Pio Church will be holding an official opening of the Church on September 12, 2010 and would request that should this request be granted approval to ensure the installation of the sign just prior to that date.

Purpose

To rename the roadway from Old Major Mackenzie Drive to St. Padre Pio Gardens from Major Mackenzie Drive to west of Highland Creek Court.

Background - Analysis and Options

St. Padre Pio Church is presently under construction at Old Major Mackenzie just west of Islington Avenue. I was approached by the parishioners of St. Padre Pio Church with this request of name change. St. Padre Pio Church is a community of 4,000 families that contributes significantly to the social and spiritual vitality of the City of Vaughan. St. Padre Pio of Pietrelcina, Italy selflessly devoted his life to the spiritual development and service of humankind and is revered by millions of people throughout the world, including many residents of the City of Vaughan. The new St. Padre Pio Church in the City of Vaughan is expected to be a major tourist destination for pilgrims from around the world. Old Major Mackenzie Drive intersects Major Mackenzie Drive at the Church Site, the name "Old Major Mackenzie Drive will be confusing to visitors seeking directions to the Church due to the similarity of the street names.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2020/Strategic Plan

This report speaks to the initiative that relates to enhancing and ensuring Community Safety, Health and Wellness.

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 my belief that this change of name is a reasonable request and should be accommodated.

Attachments

Petitions from Parishioners and residents abutting the Church.

Report prepared by:

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Respectfully submitted,

Peter Meffe,
Councillor, Ward 1



NOTICE OF PETITION

A petition has been submitted with respect to the following matter and a copy is on file in the office of the City Clerk:

Agenda Item No.: Item 30

Item Name: **ST. PADRE PIO CHURCH, STREET NAME CHANGE FROM OLD MAJOR MACKENZIE DRIVE TO ST. PADRE PIO GARDENS**

Particulars of the Petition:

Dated: n/a

No. of Signatures: 876

Submitted by: Residents of Vaughan

For a copy of the petition contact:

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