

Policy: Policy on Naming and Re-naming Municipal Streets

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Motion: "That the Policy on Naming and Re-naming Municipal Streets, as presented at Council Committee on August 17, 2000, be approved." Motion carried.

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**MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF COLCHESTER
POLICY ON NAMING AND RE-NAMING
MUNICIPAL STREETS**

PURPOSE

1. The Council of the Municipality of the County of Colchester “may by policy name or re-name any street ...”, pursuant to s. 313(1)(c) of the *Municipal Government Act*, c. 18 of the Statutes of Nova Scotia of 1998.

DEFINITIONS

2. In this Policy:

- (a) “majority of property owners” and “majority consensus” requires agreement amongst the owners of more than half the lots which are required to have a civic address on the street, and “two-thirds majority” requires agreement amongst the owners of two-thirds or more of the lots which are required to have a civic address on the street;
- (b) “Municipality” means Municipality of the County of Colchester and “Municipal” has a corresponding meaning;
- (c) “Street” means any public street as defined in Part XII of the Municipal Government Act which is owned by the Municipality of the County of Colchester and accessible to vehicle traffic;
- (d) Other words used have the same meaning as defined in governing provincial or Municipal legislation or subordinate legislation from time to time, unless the context indicates otherwise.

NAMING STREETS

3. In respect of streets which do not have a name assigned to them by the Municipality’s Property Information Department or in respect of which the Municipality’s Property Information Department initiates re-naming under paragraph (c) of section 4 of this Policy, it is the policy of the Municipality of the County of Colchester:

- (a) Subject to paragraph (b) and (c) of this section, to permit a majority of property owners whose lots have or are required to have a civic address on the street to name the street;
- (b) To permit Municipal staff, in accordance with such administrative procedures as may be developed by the Property Information Manager and approved by the Chief Administrative Officer from time to time, to name a street if the majority of property owners referred to in paragraph (a) of this section either refuse to name it or cannot obtain majority consensus upon a name within a reasonable time;
- (c) To permit Municipal staff, in accordance with such administrative procedures that may be developed by the Property Information Manager and approved by the Chief Administrative Officer from time to time, to reject any street names that do not conform with road naming standards and guidelines

promulgated by the Province of Nova Scotia or the Municipality from time to time, including but not restricted to guidelines designed to avoid confusion or duplication in the naming of streets.

RE-NAMING STREETS

4. In respect of streets which have a name assigned to them by the Municipality's Property Information Department (including names developed or adopted by previous owners or others and accepted by the Municipality's Property Information Department), it is the policy of the Municipality of the County of Colchester:

- (a) Subject to paragraph (b) of this section, and in accordance with such administrative proceedings as may be developed by the Property Information Manager and approved by the Chief Administrative Officer from time to time, to permit a two-thirds majority of property owners whose lots have or are required to have a civic address on the street to re-name the street by submitting a signed petition to the Property Information Manager;
- (b) To permit Municipal staff, in accordance with such administrative procedures that may be developed by the Property Information Manager and approved by the Chief Administrative Officer from time to time, to reject any street names that do not conform with road naming standards and guidelines promulgated by the Province of Nova Scotia or the Municipality from time to time, including but not restricted to guidelines designed to avoid confusion or duplication in the naming of streets.
- (c) To permit Municipal staff to initiate the renaming of a street in accordance with the provisions of section 3 of this Policy, if the Municipality's Property Information Manager determines that a name previously assigned by the Municipality's Property Information Department was assigned in error or does not conform with road naming standards and guidelines promulgated by the Province of Nova Scotia or the Municipality from time to time, including but not restricted to guidelines designed to avoid confusion or duplication in the naming of streets.

PRESUMPTION IN CASES OF COMMON OR JOINT OWNERSHIP

In administering this policy, where a lot is owned jointly or in common amongst several people or corporations, it shall be presumed that one of the joint or common owners speaks on behalf of all of them, unless the contrary is expressly signified to the Property Information Manager.

COUNCIL NAMING STREETS

Notwithstanding sections 3 and 4, and except where the naming of a street occurs concurrently with a subdivision application process, Council without amending this Policy may name or re-name streets at the request of the Property Information Department, by passing a Policy resolution specific to the street or streets identified in such resolution.

Clerk's Annotation For Official Policy Book	
Date of Notice to Council Members of Intent to Consider [7 days minimum] : _____	
Date of Passage of Current Policy : _____	
I certify that this Policy was adopted by Council as indicated above.	
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Clerk	Date