

**DATE:** February 8, 2021

**REPORT NO:** PD-16-2021

**SUBJECT:** Technical Report – Naming of Regional Road 14 from Canborough Street to the Twenty Road Intersection, West Lincoln

**CONTACT:** Brian Treble, Director of Planning & Building

**OVERVIEW:**

- 911 PERS is the standard that we are required to use to name segments of streets. This standard is to help ensure clarity for emergency response services.
- The Region provided us with a list of addresses and street names that needed to be addressed. Other issues have arisen as time passes that have become more of a priority, as well.
- There have been reoccurring issues with the segment of street west from Canborough Street to the Twenty Road Intersection. Some residents refer to this segment as Smithville Road and other refer to the segment as Townline Road, Smithville Townline Road, or an older Regional Road name of Regional Road 614.
- Along this segment, approximately 37 homes/properties would be affected by this proposed street naming. Amongst the houses/properties 29 are listed using Regional Road 14, 4 as Smithville Road, 3 as Townline Road and 1 as Regional Road 614. This does not take into account what residents may be using on agency bills, notices, or their personal correspondence.
- The sign blades along this road all refer to Smithville Road.
- Notice of Public Meeting was mailed on January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021 notifying residents of the street naming process. Staff have received 2 items of correspondence regarding the naming of this road.
- A virtual open house was held on Tuesday February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021. One member of the community attended and spoke to the matter being discussed.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

1. That, Report PD-16-2021, regarding “Technical Report, Naming of Regional Road 14 from Canborough Street to the Twenty Road Intersection, West Lincoln”, dated February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021, be RECEIVED; and,
2. That, a Recommendation Report be presented at a future Planning/Building/Environmental Committee meeting once all agency and public input has been received.

**ALIGNMENT TO STRATEGIC PLAN:**

**Theme #5**

- Community Health and Safety

**BACKGROUND:**

The Region of Niagara has had discussions with the local municipalities since 2013 about the need to fix a number of street addressing and street naming issues across the Region. Several years ago, Wainfleet undertook an extensive process of renaming and renumbering most of their roads. The list of street naming corrections in West Lincoln is extensive, but Planning Staff have been attempting to address as many as we can when time permits, as well as addressing priority items as they arise. The easy corrections have been made. The corrections are going to get more complicated as we proceed further through the Region's list.

The issue regarding this section of Regional Road 14 (Smithville Road vs. Townline Road) was brought to the Township's attention in late 2019 due to emergency responder location issues, mail delivery problems and errors, as well as some agency confusion.

Township staff have assessed the situation based on the recorded information in the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation database, 29 owners use Regional Road 14, 4 uses Smithville Road, 3 uses Townline Road, and 1 uses Regional Road 614. These numbers do not take into account what residents may be using on agency billing, notices, or their personal correspondence.

**CURRENT SITUATION:**

Notice of Public Meeting was mailed to all residents located on this stretch of Regional Road 14 on January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021, this letter can be found at attachment 2 to this report. Staff received 2 items of public correspondence regarding the naming of this road, which can be found at attachment 3 to this report and one person attended the virtual open house on February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021.

All sign blades on this stretch of road currently say Smithville Road, which will be an added complication should the street name need to change. Agency input is also important when determining if the road should continue to be called Smithville Road and simply pass a proper By-law or if for clarity and consistency purposes the road should be named Townline Road. Staff and participating agencies feel that even though the sign blades read Smithville Road, it would be beneficial to name the road Townline Road to avoid confusion and provide one consistent name for the entire street from the Twenty Road

Intersection through to the roundabout at Regional Road 20. Also, according to Regional mapping and 911 coordinating staff, Townline Road is preferred and appropriate based on the continuity of housing numbering along this stretch of road.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

A capital budget was created for the 911 PERS project several years ago. Any costs from the public meeting and street naming process will be charged to the corresponding account. This account is also available to assist with impacts on the public, if any, up to a maximum of \$100 per property.

**INTER-DEPARTMENTAL COMMENTS:**

Staff in Planning, Building, and By-law along with the Fire Chief and the Regional mapping staff have all had discussions about this road segment in recent months and are generally supportive of naming this road Townline Road.

**CONCLUSION:**

Staff will present a recommendation report at a future Planning, Building, Environmental Committee Meeting after all public and agency input has been received.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Location Map
2. Notice of Public Meeting – letter – January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021
3. Public Correspondence
4. Agency Correspondence

**Prepared & Submitted by:**



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