



CITY OF HAMILTON
PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
Growth Management Division

TO:	Chair and Members Planning Committee
COMMITTEE DATE:	June 18, 2019
SUBJECT/REPORT NO:	To Rename Highway No. 5 East to Dundas Street East from Highway No. 6 to the Municipal Boundary with the City of Burlington / Halton Region (Flamborough) (PED19096)
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	Ward 15
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RECOMMENDATION

That Highway No. 5 East, between Highway No. 6 and the municipal boundary with the City of Burlington, be renamed Dundas Street East, as identified on Appendix “A” to Report PED19096, and that the draft By-law, attached as Appendix “B” to Report PED19096, which has been prepared in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor, be enacted by City Council.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In the 1920’s Dundas Street East was taken over by the Province and renamed as Highway No. 5 East. However, currently, all addresses and local street signs of Dundas Street East have not been changed. This has created confusion on overlapping street names ever since then. In 1997, the Province downloaded Highway No. 5 East to the Regional Municipality of Hamilton-Wentworth, which later amalgamated into the City of Hamilton. The Regional Government did not pass a By-law to revert the street name back to Dundas Street East.

Staff were unable to find any business or residence that uses Highway No. 5 East as their address. They all use Dundas Street East. Therefore, this recommendation is

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being made to revert Highway No. 5 East back to Dundas Street East and be legally consistent with existing addresses.

Alternatives for Consideration – See Page 3

FINANCIAL – STAFFING – LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Financial: There are costs associated with placing an advertisement in the Flamborough Review. However, street signs indicating “Dundas Street East” are already installed, so there is no cost for street signs.

Staffing: None

Legal: The *Municipal Act* does not require any public notification for a municipal street name change. However, notice of the proposed street name change has been given in accordance with the City of Hamilton Local Street Naming Policies, Guidelines and Procedures, as approved by Council on March 9th, 2005.

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

Dundas Street East is an old roadway that ran from Toronto to Brant County. In the 1920's, the Province of Ontario created a system of highways known as the King's Highway System. The Province would retain ownership and maintenance of these highways. Legally, Dundas Street East in Waterdown was renamed as Highway No. 5 East by the Province, however, existing addresses and local street signs were never changed. This is still the case today.

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POLICY IMPLICATIONS AND LEGISLATED REQUIREMENTS

The proposed street name change is consistent with the Local Street Naming Policies, Guidelines and Procedures document to avoid and remove contradictory street names.

RELEVANT CONSULTATION

A copy of the By-law has been reviewed by the City of Hamilton Legal Division and the Ward 15 Councillor was consulted.

ANALYSIS AND RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

Since the 1920's, when the Province took over Dundas Street East, there have been two street names overlapping this same portion of roadway. Legally the street name is still Highway No. 5 East and was recognized as that by the Province until 1997. Locally the street signs and property addressing have always stated Dundas Street East. In anticipation of this recommendation, staff have continued to assign Dundas Street East addresses to new developments to save the business owners and residents the trouble of going through an address change.

A review of addresses with the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation, Canada Post and Bell Canada found that nobody is using the street name of Highway No. 5 East as their address. Numerous other signs and maps also refer to this road as Dundas Street East. Therefore, this recommendation is being made to revert Highway No. 5 East back to Dundas Street East and be legally consistent with existing addresses.

ALTERNATIVES FOR CONSIDERATION

The only alternative is not to change the name and leave it as Highway No. 5 East. This is not recommended, as we have already seen cases where maps and signs are giving conflicting and contradictory information over the proper street name. Private, corporate and governmental databases have become address reliant and exact, where submitting the wrong street name could lead to services not being delivered or potential confusion, especially for Emergency Services. The City could be held responsible for any loss of life or property if delivery personnel or Emergency Services were unable to locate a property due to a contradictory street name, than what a user has in their database.

ALIGNMENT TO THE 2016 – 2025 STRATEGIC PLAN

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APPENDICES AND SCHEDULES ATTACHED

Appendix "A" – Location Map of Highway No. 5 East

Appendix "B" – By-law to Rename Highway No. 5 East to Dundas Street East

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