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June 23, 2011

His Worship Mayor Bob Bratina
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Office of the Mayor
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Bob:
Dear Mayor Bratina

Re: Dedication of Highway 403 from Burlington to Woodstock as
Alexander Graham Bell Parkway

As you may be aware, I have been spearheading a project to dedicate a section of Highway 403, from Woodstock to Burlington, "The Alexander Graham Bell Parkway".

On April 7, 2011, I introduced Private Member's Bill 178 to the Legislature which, if passed, would amend the Public Transportation and Highway Improvement Act to name a portion of Highway 403. On June 2, 2011, the House was prorogued and, unfortunately, there was no opportunity for Bill 178 to be carried forward for Second Reading. It will not be possible for Bill 178 to be reintroduced to the Legislature until after the Provincial Election in October, 2011.

I feel it is important to continue to work on this initiative now, rather than wait until the Provincial Parliament returns in the fall. In lieu of my Private Member's Bill, there are regulations, through the Ministry of Transportation, which permit memorial dedications of provincial highways. A submission for dedication must include, in writing, support from each of the Municipalities and MPPs serving the areas through which the highway passes. I have enclosed a copy of the regulations which permit memorial dedications for provincial highways for your review.

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The MTO guidelines for highway dedication require a council resolution from municipalities along this section of Highway 403. Your co-operation in providing a resolution from Hamilton City Council supporting this initiative would be very much appreciated.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dave Levac", with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

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Memorial Dedications for Provincial Highways and/or Sections of Provincial Highways

Individual's Name
Memorial Highway

POLICY NUMBER: 2005-02-rev **Effective Date: June 18, 2007**

G. Troughton 29 June 2007
Approved by: Gord Troughton, Manager
Manager's Signature Date

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Purpose and Background

Highway dedications are intended to posthumously acknowledge individuals and groups who have contributed to the health, welfare and prosperity of Ontarians, and to honour the sacrifice of those who have lost their lives serving the people of Ontario or the nation. Highway dedications with reference to environmental features (i.e. Woodlands Highway, Great Lakes Parkway, etc.) or other interests (i.e. Winery Row, Hall of Fame Drive, etc.) shall be referred to the Tourism-Oriented Directional Signing (TODS) Program for Tourism Route Signing.

A dedication may cover the entire length of a highway or sections of a highway that are a minimum of 40 km. When the total length of a highway is less than 40 km, the entire highway must be dedicated.

Guidelines

Technical research supports the use of numbers as the most efficient means of providing clear, concise, directional information. Highway dedications are not intended to replace the existing system of highway numbering, but to supplement it. As a result of this policy, highway numbers will continue to be the primary method of identifying highways on the right-of-way and the provincial road map.

Process and Qualification Criteria

Bridges

The dedication of bridges is reserved for police officers that have died in their line of duty in accordance with the Highway Memorials for Fallen Police Officers Act, 2002 and, therefore, do not qualify for signs under this policy.

Highways

Requests to have a highway, or section thereof, dedicated must be submitted to the Manager of Operational Services, Ministry of Transportation, Ontario in the region where the highway is located.

The application must:

- Define the limits of the highway to be dedicated;
- Identify the group or individual being posthumously recognized;
- Provide supporting rationale for the proposal;
- Include a Council resolution from each Municipality/First Nation that the highway passes through supporting the highway dedication (municipal resolution not required in areas without municipal representation);
- Provide written support of the highway dedication from the MPP(s) of the riding(s) that the highway passes through.

MTO regional staff will review the material for completeness and forward it to Head Office, Traffic for submission to the Minister's Office through the Assistant Deputy Minister of Provincial Highways Management. Head Office Traffic will be responsible for maintaining a central registry of dedications that will include approved, denied and outstanding requests.

Final approval of a highway dedication shall rest with the Minister of Transportation or his/her designee and must be obtained prior to proceeding with the implementation of a highway dedication.

A highway, or section thereof, may only be dedicated once. For example, the Queen Elizabeth Way (QEW) or the Veterans Memorial Highway (Highway 416) are already dedicated, and are therefore ineligible for further dedications. Schedule A includes the names and limits of highways that have already been dedicated.

Freeway or highway interchanges are not eligible to be dedicated.

Sections within an already dedicated section of highway are not eligible to be dedicated. Sections of highway that are co-designated (or overlap) with another highway that has already been dedicated are also not eligible unless the dedication is the same as the existing one.

Trans-Canada Highway sections are eligible for dedication.

A specific highway dedication may be used more than once on different highways or sections of the same highway, as long as the sections are separated by a distance greater than 100 km (e.g. two highways or sections could be dedicated as "Veterans' Memorial Highway"). However, those requesting the dedication should be asked to further qualify the name and try and make it different (i.e. classifying the veterans of a specific war – WW1 Veterans Memorial Highway or Korean War Veterans Memorial Highway).

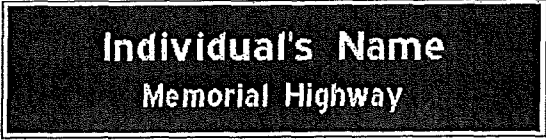
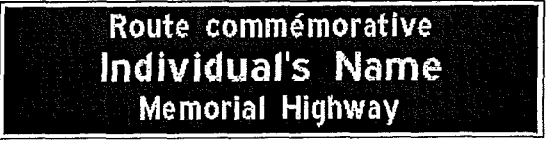
A section of highway may span a junction of two different highways, but must be continuous.

Ceremonies recognizing the dedication of the highway/section shall not be performed within the highway right-of-way.

Implementation

Sign Design and Installation

Signs shall conform to the following design:

	<p>Memorial Highway Sign</p> <p>Sign Size: 600mm x variable (1500 to 2400 mm)</p> <p>Retroreflective Sheeting: Type 1</p>
	<p>Memorial Highway Sign (Bilingual)</p> <p>Sign Size: 600mm x variable (1500 to 2400 mm)</p> <p>Retroreflective Sheeting: Type 1</p>

Signs must conform to the standard ministry design as shown above. Signs shall include the name of the individual or group being identified in the dedication. Signs may include a crest/logo, but shall not include commercial messages or slogans, or other messages commercial in nature.

Modifications to "Memorial Highway" on the official sign may be permitted (i.e. John Doe Courage Highway, John Doe Freedom Highway, etc.). The modifications to the wording "Memorial Highway" must not provide incorrect directional or highway classification information. If the name selected references a facility, such as an airport, the highway must service that facility (i.e. John Doe Airport Parkway must service the airport). If the name selected makes reference to a highway classification, it must appropriately describe the highway (i.e. John Doe Freedom Freeway would not be appropriate on a 2 lane highway).

A highway dedication under this policy shall have signs installed in each direction of travel in accordance with present sign installation policies as follows:

Sections less than 50 km in length – one sign installed at the beginning of the section, in each direction of travel.

Sections 50 to 100 km in length – one sign installed at the beginning of the section and one sign installed near the midway point, in each direction of travel.

Sections greater than 100 km in length – one sign installed at the beginning of the section and additional signs installed at approximately 50 km intervals within the dedicated section, in each direction of travel.

Fees

The proponent requesting the dedication shall be responsible for all costs associated with the manufacturing, installation and maintenance of the signs.

Where the proponent represents a not-for-profit group, the proponent may apply in writing to the Ministry of Transportation to waive all or part of these fees. When requesting to waive fees, the proponent will provide information on their ability to pay fees. Requests to waive fees are to be made to the Manager of Operational Services as part of the submission. Approval of this request is at the Ministry's sole discretion and the Ministry may consider a reduced number of signs to reduce costs if waiving fees.

Schedule A

Highway #	Highway Name	Limits
11/17	Terry Fox Courage Highway	Harbour Expressway (Thunder Bay) to the Jct of Hwys 11 and 17 (Nipigon)
33	Loyalist Parkway	Trenton to the limits of the City of Kingston
62	Hastings & Prince Edward Regiment Commemorative Highway	Village of Bloomfield to Bancroft
401	Macdonald-Cartier Freeway	Entire highway - US border (Windsor) to Quebec border
403	Co-designated with Queen Elizabeth Way	Jct of QEW in Burlington to Jct of QEW in Oakville
405	General Brock Parkway	Entire highway
407	407 ETR	Entire highway
416	Veterans Memorial Highway	Entire highway - Hwy 401 to Hwy 417
417	Ottawa Queensway	Within the limits of the City of Ottawa
QEW	Queen Elizabeth Way	Entire highway - US border (Fort Erie) to the limits of the City of Toronto