

Proposed renaming of Ortono Avenue (File: 12-12-4031) (Ward 5)

That the Economic and Development Services Committee recommend to City Council:

Whereas, Plan 167, a registered plan of subdivision in the City of Oshawa was registered in February of 1913 with the street names Park Avenue, Lakeview Avenue, Birch Avenue, and Russell Avenue, amongst others; and,

Whereas, following the conclusion of the Second World War and the construction of Highway 401, several streets were closed and other streets were renamed in honour of Second World War battles such as Normandy, Dunkirk and Dieppe; and,

Whereas, there is a street named Ortono Avenue located south of Highway 401 and west of Wilson Road South; and,

Whereas, on March 9, 2023, the Ontario Regiment Museum submitted correspondence to the City (see Attachment 1) advising that the street name of Ortono was incorrect and should be spelt Ortona in reference to the Battle of Ortona; and,

Whereas, there are fifteen (15) dwellings on Ortono Avenue; and,

Whereas, reviewing a potential street name change would involve consulting with the existing residents on Ortono Avenue to obtain their comments on the possible renaming of their street and advising them of the process to change a street name and of the Council policy to provide an ex-gratia payment to offset personal costs to change their address;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Economic and Development Services Department be authorized to initiate a consultation process with the residents of Ortono Avenue and the Ontario Regiment Museum regarding the potential street name change and report back to the Economic and Development Services Committee on the results of that consultation.



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City of Oshawa,

The Battle of Ortona was fought in December 1942 when the 1st Canadian Corps continued their mission to clear the eastern coast of Italy during the Second World War. The 1st Canadian Infantry Division, supported by the 1st Canadian Armoured Brigade, cleared the town in the face of fanatical resistance from German Paratroopers. The fierce battle was called “Little Stalingrad’ by reporters at the time and received international attention.

The Ontario Regiment fought in the Battle, receiving a Battle Honour for its efforts in clearing the approaches to the city, and supporting efforts to isolate the defenders.

A street in Oshawa was intended to be named after the battle to honour that memory and our local citizens that were involved, but for some reason the name was misspelled to Ortono.

The Ontario Regiment Museum, as part of the Regimental Family, believes that it would be appropriate to address this historical error, and correct the name of the street to Ortona as was initially intended.

Thank you

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