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To: clerks <clerks@oshawa.ca>
Subject: Proposed name change - 501 Orton Ave

Dear City Clerks,

Please do not change the name of our street. It serves no functional purpose to do so and wastes resources which could be better used for education, social services, or healthcare - which this community desperately needs. This is the kind of neighborhood where you cannot leave your car unlocked or 50/50 it will be stolen from during the night. In the past year, there was a lady strung out on drugs or having a mental health crisis - who tried to force themselves into our house. This is the worse neighborhood in terms of crime I have ever lived in, and I grew up next to a known crack house.

It shows a complete lack of understanding of what is fundamentally important to our community to even suggest spending our tax money on such a frivolous name change. You've had decades to correct the name, and didn't - it's unreasonable to think it was just now discovered to be a mistake. All the people involved in the original naming decision have since retired knowing it was incorrect and not bothering to change it because correcting it is unimportant. To change the spelling would be an inconvenience to almost everyone and benefits no one.

There are currently 2 major conflicts with Ukraine/Russia and Israel/Palestine, so to waste money renaming our street to the world war from which these conflicts stem from seems kind of ignorant.

Take the money you would have spent on this name change and send it to some refugees - or spend it to help the rampant homelessness and addiction problems in our community. I'd be happier if we just set the funding on fire than change the name, because at least we wouldn't need to change our mailing address.