

To: Economic and Development Services Committee

From: Anthony Ambra, P.Eng., Commissioner,  
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Report Number: ED-24-88

Date of Report: September 4, 2024

Date of Meeting: September 9, 2024

Subject: Recommended Street Name in Accordance with Street Naming  
Policy in Memory and Honour of the War Dead and War  
Veterans

Ward: All Wards

File: 12-12-0033

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## **1.0 Purpose**

The purpose of this Report is to recommend that one (1) name be added to the street name reserve list pursuant to the Council approved Street Naming Policy in Memory and Honour of the War Dead and War Veterans (the “Policy”).

## **2.0 Recommendation**

It is recommended that, pursuant to Report ED-24-88 dated September 4, 2024, the Economic and Development Services Committee approve the addition of the name Wilfred Walker to the City’s Street Name Reserve List in accordance with the Council approved Street Naming Policy in Memory and Honour of the War Dead and War Veterans.

## **3.0 Input From Other Sources**

The following have been consulted in the preparation of this Report:

- Region of Durham Planning and Economic Development Department
- Oshawa Fire Services
- Oshawa Central Ambulance Communications Centre (“C.A.C.C.”)

The Region of Durham Planning and Economic Development Department reviews street names in consultation with Durham Regional Police Services and maintains the Region’s Street Name Index which contains a list of all existing and reserved street names in the Region of Durham.

The Region, Oshawa Fire Services and the C.A.C.C. have no objection to the proposed street name Wilfred Walker.

#### **4.0 Analysis**

Council has a Street Naming Policy in Memory and Honour of the War Dead and War Veterans.

City Council has delegated to the Economic and Development Services Committee the authority to approve names to be added to the City's Street Name Reserve List in accordance with the Policy.

The City accepts nominations from the public or groups for approval of the use of war veterans' names for the purpose of street naming. Nomination forms submitted must describe the rationale for recommendation.

According to the subject nomination form submitted to the City by Randy Walker, which was circulated and approved by the Oshawa United Veteran Services group, Mr. Walker served as a member of the Royal Canadian Airforce's 425 Squadron, which carried out over 287 bombing raids and earned more than 190 decorations during World War II. Mr. Walker was a resident of Oshawa from 1971 until his passing in 2011, during which time he was a Branch 43 Legion member and volunteer.

In consideration of the foregoing, this Department recommends that the name Wilfred Walker mentioned in the Recommendation section be added to the City's Street Name Reserve List.

#### **5.0 Financial Implications**

There are no financial implications associated with the recommendation in this Report.

#### **6.0 Relationship to the Oshawa Strategic Plan**

This Report responds to the Oshawa Strategic Plan Priority Area:

"Belong: Inclusive and Healthy Community" with the goal to reduce systemic barriers and deliver engaging, equitable and culturally inclusive programs and services for all participants.



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