

To: Economic and Development Services Committee

From: Anthony Ambra, P.Eng., Commissioner,
Economic and Development Services Department

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Date of Meeting: October 6, 2025

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

Ward: All Wards

File: 12-12-0033

1.0 Purpose

The purpose of this Report is to recommend that one (1) name be added to the street name reserve list in memory and honour of the War Dead and War Veterans pursuant to the Council approved Street Naming Policy SRV-24-01 (the “Street Naming Policy”).

2.0 Recommendation

It is recommended that, pursuant to Report ED-25-99 dated October 1, 2025, the Economic and Development Services Committee approve the addition of the name Alek Karwowski to the City’s Street Name Reserve List in accordance with the Council approved Street Naming Policy.

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 Alek Karwowski.

4.0 Analysis

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 Street Naming 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 Roman Karwowski, which was circulated and approved by the Oshawa United Veteran Services group and the General W. Sikorski Polish Veterans' Association, Aleksander "Alek" Karwowski's military service began in 1938, when he joined the Polish Cavalry. Later, he joined the British 8th Army 2nd Polish Corps as a tank commander, serving in both the African and Italian campaigns of World War II. Mr. Karwowski was awarded a number of medals in recognition of his service, including the Virtuti Militari, Poland's highest military decoration for heroism and courage in the face of the enemy at war.

The names of World War II Veterans of the Polish Armed Forces who were allies of Canada, who served under British Command, and who took up residence in the City of Oshawa after the War, may be added to the Street Name Reserve List for use in the vicinity of General Sikorski Hall in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Street Naming Policy.

In consideration of the foregoing, this Department recommends that the name Alek Karwowski 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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