



Planning and Development Committee Report

To: To the Chair and Members of the Planning and Development Committee
From: Arwa Almaflahi, GIS Analyst, Development Services
Date: May 9, 2023
Report: RPT- 0207 - 23
Subject: Street Naming Opportunity
Purpose: Addition of Colleen Miller within the Community Member Street Naming List

Recommendation

That the request to add Colleen Miller to the Community Member Street Naming List be approved.
And that staff be directed to look for opportunities to include the street name outlined in this report within future Draft Plans of Subdivision.

Key Strategic Priority

5. Healthy, Safe and Engaged Citizens

Financial Considerations

- None

Background

A request for future street name consideration has been received to include the community member, Colleen Miller for a future street name. The following notable accomplishments have been provided for Colleen Miller:

Colleen Miller

- Entrepreneur of the Year, 2018 Business Excellence Awards, COC Brantford-Brant
- Rotary Paul Harris Award 2009
- Nominated Citizen of the Year 1999 & 2007, Brantford, Brant County
- Honorary Alumni Award 2003, Wilfrid Laurier University
- Former Co-Chair, GVES Student Life
- Campaign, Laurier/Mohawk Brantford
- Charter Member/Past President/ Volunteer, Teen Esteem Program

Report

The County of Brant Street Naming Policy designates 75% of the street names in new plans of subdivisions to be names of war veterans, with the remainder of street names to be assigned by the developer. The Community Member List is an additional list of street names of those that are not war veterans but have demonstrated extensive contributions to the community and participation in the County of Brant. Staff reviewed the contributions that the candidate has made to the County of Brant and recommend approval of the addition of Colleen Miller to the Community Member Street Naming List.

Developers bring forward their requests for street names at various times throughout the Draft Plan Approval process. When the next opportunity arrives, and subject to Council’s approval, staff will work with the developer to advance the naming of Colleen Miller as a street name, in addition to the War Veteran list.

We will advise the Committee of the street location in the future, and staff will work with internal and external stakeholders to ensure that the proposed street name does not conflict with other streets within the County of Brant or City of Brantford.

Copy To

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In adopting this report, is a bylaw or agreement required?

- By-law required (No)
- Agreement(s) or other documents to be signed by Mayor and /or Clerk (No)
- Is the necessary by-law or agreement being sent concurrently to Council? (No)

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January 25, 2023

Good afternoon, Mayor Bailey,

Further to our conversation on Monday regarding having a street named for Colleen Miller, I am following up with some background information about Colleen that I feel makes her an ideal candidate for this recognition.

Colleen was born and raised in Paris and resides at 16 Bradbury Crescent, Paris.

In 1997, she led a small group of individuals who were instrumental in establishing a Laurier University campus in Brantford. Two million dollars needed to be raised. Colleen took an active role with this, making many of the presentations and attending many of the "asks". The two million dollars was indeed raised and Laurier Brantford opened in 1999. Since this time Colleen has followed the growth of the campus, made connections to help the campus grow and promoted Laurier Brantford in any way she can.

In 2015 Colleen received the Entrepreneur of the Year Award from the Chamber of Commerce Brantford-Brant as the owner of Colleen E. Miller Enterprises, a training and consulting business she has operated in Brant County for 14 years.

She has contributed thousands of volunteer hours to countless organizations, often in leadership roles where she was honoured for her contributions including:

- Entrepreneur of the Year, 2018 Business Excellence Awards, COC Brantford-Brant
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She also gives generously to numerous not-for-profits throughout Brantford-Brant.

She has demonstrated a lifelong commitment to her community. She possesses all those finer qualities that allow her to influence individuals and effect positive change – those of intelligence, respect and grace.

Thank you for giving my request your consideration. Colleen's Way would be ideal street name in recognition of 'her way' of serving her community. It would be a wonderful honour for someone who has brought so much to the community, and Paris, her home.

Sincerely yours,
Nancy Billard