



Street Naming and Renaming Policy and Guidelines

Purpose

The Street Naming and Renaming Policy and Guidelines outlines the process for assigning new street names to developments within the municipality or for changing an existing street name. The Township of Ramara reserves its right to rename any street, including duplicate street names, in the interest of public safety. All street names within the Township of Ramara are subject to the approval of Council.

Any member of the public or public agency can, by way of written request to the Planning Department, make a recommendation for the addition of a name to the Township's Street Naming List. In the submission, the name is to be accompanied by supporting documentation explaining the significance of the recommendation for consideration.

Suggested street names are kept on a list for future use, and may be chosen if needed. These names are to be pre-approved by Township Council. When assigning a road name, Council may or may not choose a road name from the pre-approved list.

The Street Naming Policies and Guidelines and Procedures shall apply to both public and private roadways, condominium roadways, where names are deemed necessary.

The Township shall not be responsible or liable for any costs to the owner associated with street name changes

Guiding Principles

The criteria for the selection of street names by Staff for presentation to Council shall be as follows:

1. Duplicate names or names too similar will not be considered to prevent confusion for emergency and municipal services (i.e. Sylvan Glen Road, Sylvan Beach Road)
2. The proposed street names must not contain any symbols (such as #, &, - , etc.).
3. There shall be no use of awkward, corrupt, discriminatory or derogatory names, in regard to race, gender, colour, creed, political affiliation or other social factors
4. The owner, developer or applicant shall give consideration to names of locally important families, war veterans, local heroes or historical places or events of significance

Street Naming Conventions

The owner, developer or applicant shall have regard to the roadway function, length and configuration to determine the street type designation.

Street Type	Description
Avenue	A public street with trees and buildings on both sides, frequently runs perpendicular to a street
Boulevard	A wide street with trees or greenery on both sides. There is generally a median in the middle of a boulevard
Court	A road with no through way that ends in a loop or cul-de-sac
Crescent	A road that has two openings on the same street
Drive	A winding road that has its route shaped by natural features such as a watercourse, ridge or topography
Lane	A narrow road, often in a rural area or accessing primarily garages in suburban areas
Line	Name derived from the drawing of roads on a survey. (Usually located between whole Concessions or Lots)
Place	A road with no throughway
Road	Anything that connects two points
Sideroad	A road off a main concession road or line. Usually perpendicular to roads/lines/concession roads, generally running North-South
Street	A public way with buildings on both sides, generally runs perpendicular to an avenue
Terrace	A road that runs along the top of a slope
Trail	A side street off a road, often curved in nature
Way	A small street off a road