

STREET NAMES COMMITTEE POLICIES

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DUPLICATION

Proposed street name that is a direct duplication of an existing name (*i.e. Church Street vs Church Avenue*).

PRONUNCIATION

Proposed street name that may be pronounced in a number of different ways:

- The use of complex words (*i.e. Philanthropic Crescent*).
- Street names that are spelled differently but sound alike (*i.e. Brainard Lane and Barnard Lane*).
- Street names that could be pronounced in several ways (*i.e. Herb Street could be pronounced with the "H" dropped (Erb) or with the "H" remaining (Herb)*)

SPELLING

Proposed street name, that causes confusion with respect to its spelling or which may be spelled in two or more different ways (*i.e. Arbor Lane vs Arbour Lane*).

SIMILAR SOUNDING

Proposed street name, that sounds similar to an existing street name (*i.e. Langtry vs Langtree*).

TOO MANY (SAME FIRST THREE LETTERS-MAXIMUM 30)

In the operation of the Fire Emergency Services computers the first three letters of a street are entered. A maximum of 30 street names can be viewed at a time, over 30 splits the screen. To assist in the operation of Emergency Services computers, over 30 street names starting with the same first three letters will no longer be approved.

It has been determined that there are too many of the following street names and any new streets beginning with these three letters are not allowed.

Brampton Fire EMS computers are experiencing further difficulties and the following three letter combination found throughout some street names should be

avoided: FOR (FOREST), HIL (HILL), KEN; LAN (LANE), MIL (MILL) AND MON will no longer be allowed.

As of November 2012

	STAN	CAD
Bal	26	
Ban	29	
Bar	34	32
Bel	30	
Ber	26	
Bla	31	23
Bra	48	55
Bri	37	34
Bro	37	35
Bur	31	29
Cal	28	
Can	32	26
Car	52	59
Cas	28	28
Cha	48	54
Che	31	31
Chi	30	
Cla	33	31
Col	30	36
Con	31	
Cor	37	37
Cre	32	63
Cro	26	
Dun	31	
Fai	25	

For	37**	31
Gar	30	34
Gle	33	41
Gol	29	27
Gra	35	
Gre	47	59
Har	44	49
Hea	25	
Hig	25	
Hil	68**	60
Hol	29	33
Ken	30**	30
Kin	37	41
Lan	31	44
Lon	27	
Man	28	
Mar	69	77
McC	25	
Mil	30**	54
Mon	32**	41
New	27	
Nor	31	31
Oak	22	21
Old/Olde	33	29
Par	41	79
Pin	30	
Pri	31	
Que	26	23

Red	30	29
Riv	26	
Roc	25	
Ros	32	
Roy	30	
Saint (17) St. (14)	31	
San	30	30
Sha	39	41
She	29	29
Sil	32	32
Sou	25	
Spr	29	
Sun	30	28
Sta	33	44
Ste	31	
Sto	31	41
Tra	25	
Tre	30	
Val	30	23
Wat	26	
Wes	29	30
Whi	34	35
Wil	53	62
Win	38	39
Woo	30	29

EMERGENCY CONFUSION

Proposed street name, that could cause confusion in emergency situations, e.g. named after a well-known location or police/fire terminology (**e.g. Chase, Lake Front, Smokey Hills**).

NOT SUITABLE

Ethnic Connection

Proposed street names shall not denigrate individuals or groups and shall not be based upon identifiable ethnic or racial group or religious afflictions. **(e.g. *Blarney, Methodist*)**

Offensive

Proposed street names with sexual overtones or names that may be considered offensive due to inappropriate humour, parody, slang or double meanings are not permitted **(e.g. *Joker Hill*)**

Frivolous

Proposed street names that is considered “frivolous” or complicated, or has unconventional spelling. **(e.g. *The Growing Way, Little Way Way*)**

Special Characters

Proposed street name, that has special characters, such as hyphens (-), apostrophes (') **(e.g. *Jack-O-Lantern*)**

Note: Prior to the implementation of 911, there are street names in the Region of Peel that that been registered with hyphens (-) **(e.g. *Point-o-Woods Road*)** and apostrophes ('). **(e.g. *Farmer’s Lane*)**

USE OF STREET TYPE (SUFFIXES)

Proposed street name that uses standard street type (suffixes or directional suffixes) as road/street names **(e.g. *North BLVD, Court ST, Avenue of Pines*)**. For details on street types (suffixes), please go to the [Canada Post link http://www.canadapost.ca/tools/pg/manual/PGaddress-e.asp#1385939](http://www.canadapost.ca/tools/pg/manual/PGaddress-e.asp#1385939)

LENGTH OF NAME (OVER 25 CHARACTERS)

Proposed street name, that is over 25 characters in length, excluding the suffix.

ABBREVIATIONS

Proposed street name, that is abbreviated **(e.g. “*St*” vs “*Saint*”)**, must be written out in full.

OLD/OLDE

Proposed street name that uses “**OLD**” will only be approved **to rename a separated part of an existing street.** No streets will be approved using the prefix “**OLDE**”; this causes confusion between **OLD** AND **OLDE**.

STREET NAMES COMMITTEE GUIDELINES

HISTORICAL NAMES

Historical names are encouraged to promote local heritage, history, and traditions, reflect local geography and character and these requests are reviewed in the context of the Street Names Committee Policies and Guidelines and comply with each respective municipality Street Naming Policies.

Requests received for the Town of Caledon requires the use of one historical street name for every development. They have developed a Caledon Reserve Index of Approved Names that has many pre-approved historical names.

THEMES

Proposed street name that represents specific themes (i.e. flowers, animals, etc) are permitted and would be reviewed in the context of Street Names Committee Policies and Guidelines.

PERSONS NAME

Any proposed street name that identifies with a specific individual whether living or deceased, will be reviewed in the context of Street Names Committee Policies and Guidelines. **The use of “person’s name” would comply with each respective municipality Street Naming Policies.**

COMPANY NAME/ADVERTISING A BUSINESS

Any proposed street name which identifies with a specific company, will be reviewed in the context of the Street Names Committee Policies and Guidelines. **The use of “company names” would comply with each respective municipality Street Naming Policies.**

NAME BANKS (Updated – May 18, 2007)

City of Brampton

For the City of Brampton, since the implementation of their Street Naming Policies (June 2005) ***they no longer accept names from developers/consultants*** and assign names to new development prior to draft approval from their **“Master List of Approved Names”**. They maintain an up-to-date master listing of approximately 500 names.

To populate their **“Master List of Approved Names”**, the City of Brampton submits names of historical significance for review by the Street Names

Committee. Acceptable street names are recommended for use in the City of Brampton.

The City of Brampton on an annual basis prepares a report to the City Planning, Design and Development Committee for review and approval of “**Master List of Approved Street Names**” with Brampton Council’s final approval.

In instances where Brampton Council have not approved the use of an approved street name, City staff will advise the Street Names Committee to update their records to show the street name as refused and the name will be added to the Peel Master Listing, which can be assigned for use in Caledon or Mississauga.

Once the street names are assigned to the development, a final pre-approval review and confirmation of new street names are listed in planning recommendation reports to ensure that street names do not have negative connotations for the City of Brampton’s overall image, or misrepresent the unique constituencies, qualities and characteristics of a particular Ward.

Once a pre-approved street name is assigned from the “**Master List of Approved Street Names**” no further approval is required by the Street Names Committee. The City is to advise Street Names Committee of the assignment, the development number and location, so STAN can be updated.

City of Mississauga

In the City of Mississauga once the development is draft approved they encourage **developers/consultants to submit proposed street names early in the development process**. They review and remove duplications and forward proposed names for review by the Street Names Committee. Acceptable street names are **recommended** for use in the City of Mississauga, who then prepares a report to the Mississauga Transportation and Works Committee and Mississauga Council’s final approval.

In instances where Mississauga Council have not approved the use of an approved street name, City staff will advise the Street Names Committee to update their records to show the street name as refused and the name will be added to the Peel Master Listing, which can be assigned for use in Caledon or Brampton.

Mississauga maintain a “**Master List of Approved Names**” which they can also assign street names to new development, usually only in emergency situations.

Town of Caledon

In the Town of Caledon once the development is draft approved they encourage **developers/consultants to submit proposed street names early in the development process**. They review and remove duplications and forward proposed names for review by the Street Names Committee. Acceptable street names are **approved** for use in the Town of Caledon.

Caledon maintains a “**Master List of Approved Names**” containing historical names for every development in Caledon they assign one historical street name.

Region of Peel (Added October 2012)

A Peel Preapproved Listing has been created due to Brampton/Mississauga Municipal Council refusing street names that were approved by the Street Names Committee. These surplus names are added to a “**Master List of Approved Names**” that can be assigned for use in Mississauga, Brampton and Caledon.

Street Names Committee

Once the pre-approved street name is assigned from the area municipality “**Master List of Approved Street Names**” no further approval is required by the Street Names Committee.

The area municipality is required to advise the Administrator of the Street Names Committee of the assignment, the development number and location, so this information can be noted on the Street Names Committee Agenda and STAN database can be updated.

*e.g. The City of Brampton advises that **Smithville** on the Brampton Reserve has been assigned to 21T-99007B, Erwin, located on the west side The Gore Road, between Castle more Rd and Ebenezer Rd (B51)*

SURPLUS TO A REGISTERED DEVELOPMENT

Surplus street names, which have been reserved for a specific development application and have not been used following registration of all phases of the plan, will be placed on the area municipalities “**Master List of Approved Names**”.

PRIVATE STREETS (September 17, 1998)

Due to confusion and problems that are occurring for emergency and delivery services caused by the naming of private streets that are similar to other streets,

area municipal staff is to impose a condition on approval of plans of condominium and site plans with internal streets.

All proposed private names must be submitted to the Street Names Committee for approval.

INTERSECTING STREETS

While it is recognized that the assignment of approved street names to a proposed registered plan is not the responsibility of the Street Names Committee, and that this responsibility is carried out by the area municipalities, the Committee encourages the implementation of policy which requires that where a local street intersects with an arterial road or a major collector road, a different name be assigned to each street.

TWO-NAME STREETS

Due to the fact that it is getting more and more difficult for consultants and developers to submit single street names, since many of the single street names are already in use or reserved. In the Region of Peel we are running out of available single street names, the Street Names Committee has no choice but to approve two-name streets. In view of this fact the Committee will look at submitted two-name streets and where possible change them into one-name streets.

SUBMISSIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Proposed street names would be allowed to be submitted by members of the public. The request must be in writing to the Street Names Committee representative at the municipality where the resident resides. The maximum number of names per submission would be 20. The names would be reviewed for duplication, pronunciation, spelling, similar sounding, too many, ethnic connotation, suffix, emergency confusion or a persons name. The approved name would then be placed on the area municipality Master List of Approved Names. There would be guarantee that the name would be used in the immediate future.

SILENT AUCTIONS (MAY 18, 2007)

Silent auctions that offer up a street name as a prize will no longer be allowed.

GENERAL

The above guidelines reflect the general criteria used by the Committee in approving street names for use within the Region of Peel.

It is recognized that judgement must be used when applying these guidelines and that each proposed name should be judged on its individual merits.