

STAFF REPORT: Planning & Building Services



REPORT TO: Finance & Administration Committee
MEETING DATE: September 14, 2010
REPORT NO.: PL.10.85
SUBJECT: Street Naming
PREPARED BY: Sharon Long, Administrative Assistant, Planning & Building Services

A. Recommendations

THAT Council approve the following street names and that same be reserved for the proposed Georgian Woodlands Phase III Plan of Subdivision as follows:

Street A	Arnot Crescent
Street B	Nipissing Crescent
Street C, South of Street B	Courcheval Crescent
Street C, North of Street B	Woodlands Court
Street D	Grindelwald Court
Street E	Fleming Gate
Street F	Silver Star Court

B. Background

The Developer of Georgian Woodlands Phase III Plan of Subdivision has proposed street names for the proposed Plan as follows:

Street A	Arnot Crescent
Street B	Nipissing Gate
Street C	Courcheval Crescent or, if the dead-end portion cannot be part of this name because it is dead-end, the dead-end could be called Woodlands Court (Georgian Woodlands is the overall development name)
Street D	Grindelwald Court
Street E	Sandford Fleming Court
Street F	Silver Star Crescent; alternate and less preferred, Silver Star Court

Town Staff have reviewed the submission with regard to duplication and/or conflict and note that Sandford Fleming is a street name utilized in Collingwood (Sandford Fleming Drive) and therefore do not recommend the use of this street name in its entirety. With respect to this, below is an extract from the Developer:

"I regret you will not use the Sandford Fleming name because it is in use as an industrial road in Collingwood whereas his focus was with his family members in Craigleith - please re-consider! (Fleming Court might be seen by others as self-aggrandisement which is the last thing I want)."

The other names proposed are suitable re duplication and/or conflict.

Section 9 of the Town's Street Naming Policy has the following priority selection of street names:

1. Names Honouring Those Who Have Serviced Their Country
2. Names Honouring Those Who Have Given Their Life in Public Service
3. Names Honour Individuals – Local Historical
4. Names Honouring Individuals – National or International
5. Names Honour Individuals – Community Service
6. Names That Reflect the Municipality's Agricultural and/or Recreational Heritage/Nature
7. Other Names

The names, other than those reflective of ski resorts, proposed by the Developer are consistent with the Policy in that they reflect names honouring local historical, national or international individuals or reflect the Municipality's Heritage or Nature. The ski resort names are a continuation of the theming in Georgian Woodlands (Aspen, Davos, Cortina, Chaminox, Kitzbuhl, St. Moritz).

Therefore it is recommended that the following street names be approved and be reserved for this Draft Plan of Subdivision

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C. The Blue Mountains' Strategic Plan

Preserving and enhancing natural and environmental features, and cultural heritage of the community.

Providing a strong, well managed municipal government.

D. Environmental Impacts

N/A

E. Budget Impact

N/A

F. Attached

1. Copy of request from George Fleming.
2. Copy of Plan in question with Streets.

Prepared by,

Respectfully submitted,

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Administrative Assistant, Planning &
Services

David Finbow
Director, Planning & Building Services

From: Elizabeth Fleming [mailto:g Fleming@yahoo.ca]

Sent: June 13, 2010 3:36 PM

To: David Finbow

Subject: Street Names George H. Fleming & Associates Limited/Condo Developments Limited

David,

Further to the subject plan of subdivision, we propose street names as follows:

Street A - Arnott Crescent

Street B - Nipissing Gate

Street C - Courcheval Crescent or, if the dead-end portion cannot be part of this name because it is dead-end, the dead-end could be called Woodlands Court (Georgian Woodlands is the overall development name).

Street D - Grindelwald Court

Street E - Sandford Fleming Court

Street F - Silver Star Crescent; alternate and less preferred, Silver Star Court

Rational

This development since the original plan in 1964 has used the names of famous ski resorts in Europe and North America as street names. It also directly accesses Alpine and Craigleith ski clubs. We would like to continue this naming reality (with some exceptions, explained later) by adding the Grindelwald (Switzerland) and Courcheval (France) names to streets in this development. Data re these ski areas can be found via Google search of ski resorts in Europe, if this is needed. Silver Star is a ski area in Western Canada; more particularly the name reflects the vibrant night sky visible to the mountains and over Georgian Bay from the location of this street. The street meets the dictionary definition of Crescent and the name sounds more fluid using Crescent rather than Court. Crescent also reflects its true shape while Court implies a short, straight line.

We would also like to introduce some family recognition into the street naming since it is non-existent in the community from which much history, local and otherwise, evolved; also it is the family that named Craigleith.

Sandford Fleming needs no historical description but an excellent one exists at the Craigleith Depot, courtesy of Charles Garrad's many contributions thereto. Sandford Arnott was the brother of Elizabeth Arnott, wife of Andrew Greig Fleming and mother of Sir Sandford Fleming. Historically, he has a distinguished roll of his own, and I quote from our family history.

"Sandford Arnott (1820-1830 in India), unmarried, Editor of the Bengal Evening Post, India, sided with Queen Caroline when George IV sought divorce, forced to leave India, taught Indian dialects in London to men of

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"Sandford Arnott published a newspaper in English and Sanskrit in Bengal, India. He was accused of treason by the British for supporting causes for freedom by the Indian people. He was impeached in the British House of Parliament, pleaded his own case and won it with his brilliant oratory!"

Lastly, Nipissing Gate reflects the road access to the Nipissing Ridge part of the development. This road directly accesses the main road access to Alpine ski club.

After reading this, can you see any problems in preventing processing of the street name proposals? Also, please advise me how to proceed or will this e-mail suffice as an application.?

Thank you,

George Fleming

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