

DATE: May 30, 2023

TO: MAYOR AND COUNCIL

NAME AND TITLE: Deanna Wasnik, Director of Planning and Development

SUBJECT: Renaming of O’Grady Road - Update

ATTACHMENT(S): Official Request to Change Name of O’Grady Road – Receive from Lheidli T’enneh First Nation on July 5 2021
Exhibit “A” – Subject Parcels
Exhibit “B” – Primary and Secondary Notification Areas

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That Council RECIEVES FOR INFORMATION an update on the renaming of O’Grady Road to Dakelh Ti as described in the report dated May 30, 2023 from the Director of Planning and Development titled “Renaming of O’Grady Road – Update.”

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with an update on the proposed notification and implementation plan for the renaming of O’Grady Road to Dakelh Ti.

BACKGROUND:

Previous reports to Council related to the road name change are noted below:

During the regular Meeting of Council on July 12, 2021 Council directed Administration to prepare a report to Council describing the process and options for consideration to change the name of O’Grady Road, following a request by the Lheidli T’enneh First Nation.

During the [regular Meeting of Council on August 30, 2021](#), Council received the Staff Report to Council titled, “Renaming of O’Grady Road – Process Considerations”. As a result of this report, Council directed Administration to proceed with renaming O’Grady Road in consultation with the Lheidli T’enneh, and report back to Council on the road name decision and the next steps regarding implementation of the road name change.

During the [regular Meeting of Council on June 13, 2022](#), Council approved the renaming of O’Grady Road to “Dakelh Ti”, and directed Administration to prepare for Council’s consideration a communication plan regarding the renaming of “O’Grady Road” to “Dakelh Ti”.

New Road Name

The Lheidli T'enneh First Nation has confirmed their choice of the new road name to be Dakelh Ti, which means First Nation Road. This name acknowledges all Dakelh people who attended the school located along O'Grady Road (previous O'Grady High School), and Residential schools in general. The proposed road name has been reviewed by the E911 Addressing Safety Committee which includes the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George (RDFFG), the RCMP and the Prince George Fire Department. The Committee has no concerns with the proposed road name.

Communication of Road Name Change

Properties which will be directly impacted (Exhibit "A" – Subject Parcels) by the road name change will be provided with a mailout notification 6 weeks in advance of the change. As part of the notification, property owners will be provided with a list of recommended areas they will need to change their address (ie. ICBC, Service BC, Service Canada, banking, insurance, and private utilities companies).

As part of the road name change process, Canada Post will provide 1 year of free mail forwarding for all impacted properties. Emergency services will be updated immediately as well as City of Prince George services (water, sewer, bylaw, garbage, ect.), Fortis, BC Hydro, Telus, and Shaw and Recycle BC (Emterra).

For properties in the surrounding area in the Secondary Notification Area (Exhibit "B" – Primary and Secondary Notification Areas), as well as for various service providers, they will be provided with a basic notification of the road name change, which will include a map of the area impacted with the roadway highlighted and a description of the reason for the road name change. This will assist residents and businesses with route finding directions and addresses. The City will also be posting notifications on our social media sites and website to notify the general public of the change.

Mailout notifications will be sent out on the week of June 26, 2023. The official date of the road name change and the replacement of the road name signs along Dakelh Ti will occur during the week of August 14, 2023. Signage changes will be completed by City staff.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

The proposed name change for O'Grady Road is in keeping with the vision and values of Council's 2023-2026 Strategic Plan. The renaming of the road is consistent with the City Government and Infrastructure Priorities by focusing on meaningful communication and relationship development to advance shared priorities, specifically the development of a strategy to implement the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples that builds on the City's relationship with the Lheidli T'enneh First Nation and urban indigenous service providers.

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION:

Administration is providing Council with the proposed notification and implementation plan for the road name change from O'Grady Road to "Dakelh Ti".

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Deanna Wasnik, Director of Planning and Development

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APPROVED:

Walter Babicz, City Manager

Meeting Date: June 26, 2023