



City of Port Moody

Report/Recommendation to Council

Date: October 4, 2022
Submitted by: General Manager of Engineering and Operations
Subject: Dewdney Trunk Road Name Change

Purpose

To report back to Council with a recommendation on a process for the renaming of Dewdney Trunk Road following discussion with other communities through which Dewdney Trunk Road traverses.

Recommended Resolution(s)

THAT Port Moody consider the proposal to rename Dewdney Trunk Road as part of its comprehensive Truth and Reconciliation Understanding and Engagement – Phase 2 project as recommended in the report dated October 4, 2022 from the General Manager of Engineering and Operations regarding Dewdney Trunk Road Name Change.

Background

In February 2022, Councillor Amy Lubik brought forward a report to Council supporting the renaming of Dewdney Trunk Road and for Port Moody to lead in reconciliation and listen to our community members on how to do this.

The following resolutions from RC22/072 were passed on consent:

THAT Port Moody declare support for the renaming of Dewdney Trunk Road as recommended in the report dated January 25, 2022 from the Office of Councillor Amy Lubik regarding Support for Renaming Dewdney Trunk Road;

AND THAT staff reach out to other communities through which Dewdney Trunk Road traverses, including Coquitlam, Pitt Meadows, and Maple Ridge, to obtain municipal interest in a coordinated process to rename Dewdney Trunk Road;

AND THAT, once that response has been provided from the identified neighbouring communities, staff report back to Council with a proposed mutually acceptable municipal process for renaming Dewdney Trunk Road, including working with Indigenous Nations whose traditional land we are on to find or be gifted an appropriate new name for the street.

In March 2022, staff sent letters to local communities that include sections of Dewdney Trunk Road to begin discussion on a coordinated renaming process.

Discussion

Following the approval of resolution RC22/072 in February, 2022, Council received a report in May, 2022 on Indigenous reconciliation and relation-building. The Indigenous Relations Final Report, prepared by consultant Four Our Future Indigenous Economics, provided guidance to staff and Council on the best approach to forging strong intergovernmental and intercultural relationships.

The Report proposed a short-term Indigenous Relations Strategy to engage local First Nations in the co-creation of a longer multi-year strategy which will guide the creation of long-term agreements and relationship-building between Port Moody and the Nations on whose land the City carries out its business. Most importantly, the Report outlines the need for the support, partnership, collaboration, and participation of the First Nations in all steps towards building an Indigenous Relations Strategy. In June 2022, Council approved the Truth and Reconciliation Understanding and Engagement – Phase 2 project to develop and implement the Short-Term Indigenous Relations Strategy in collaboration with First Nations.

In July 2022, as a follow up to Port Moody's March letter, staff from Engineering and Operations held a meeting with representatives from Coquitlam, Pitt Meadows, Maple Ridge, and Mission to discuss the renaming of Dewdney Trunk Road. During this discussion, several of the representatives indicated that their cities were engaged in their own development of comprehensive Indigenous Relations Strategies and that discussion around the renaming of Dewdney Trunk Road would be considered as part of those more comprehensive efforts. Staff recommend that the Dewdney Trunk Name change initiative is similarly considered as part of the larger framework under the Truth and Reconciliation Understanding and Engagement – Phase 2 project.

Other Option(s)

That the report dated October 4, 2022, from the General Manager of Engineering and Operations regarding Dewdney Trunk Road Name Change be received for information.

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications at this time.

Communications and Civic Engagement Initiatives

There are no communication or civic engagement requirements at this time.

Council Strategic Plan Objectives

The Dewdney Trunk Road Name Change aligns with the Truth and Reconciliation Understanding and Engagement – Phase 2 project, which falls under the Council Strategic Plan's Objective and Action 1.4: Form effective relationships with service delivery partners, industries, and stakeholders to improve service delivery:

- Strengthen relationships with other levels of government, First Nations, community groups, and partners.
- Seek partnerships where applicable for the provision of amenities.

Attachment(s)

1. CSP Project Proposal Truth and Reconciliation Understanding and Engagement Phase

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Report Approval Details

Document Title:	Dewdney Trunk Road Name Change.docx
Attachments:	- Attachment 1 - CSP Project Proposal Truth and Reconciliation Understanding and Engagement Phase 2.pdf
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This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:

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