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Your File/V/Réf.

DATE                                29 September 1998

TO/DEST.                         9-1-1 Management Board

FROM/EXP.                        Co-ordinator, 9-1-1 Management Board

SUBJECT/OBJET                 **RENAMING OF FRANKTOWN ROAD IN THE TOWNSHIP OF  
BECKWITH - UPDATE**

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### **REPORT RECOMMENDATION**

**That the 9-1-1 Management Board receive this report for information.**

### **BACKGROUND**

As per the direction of the 9-1-1 Management Board on 5 June 1998, the Regional Chair wrote to the Township of Beckwith and the County of Lanark conveying the concerns voiced by the Committee and the Board about the renaming of Franktown Road to Richmond Road in the County of Lanark and the subsequent renumbering of addresses.

The attached letter dated 3 September 1998 from the Beckwith Township has been received and is attached for your information. The Regional Chair responded to this letter on 23 September 1998, a copy of which was forwarded to all members of the Board and the Advisory Committee.

The Advisory Committee considered this issue at its last meeting and an extract of the Draft Minute is appended for your reference.

*Approved by*  
*Rosemary Nelson*

att.

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September 3, 1998

Mr. Robert Chiarelli  
 Regional Chair  
 Regional Municipality of Ottawa-Carleton  
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OTTAWA CARLETON OFFICE OF THE CHAIR	
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TO	Prepare Response

Dear Chair Chiarelli

Re: **Richmond/Franktown Road**

The Council of the Corporation of the Township of Beckwith reviewed your request regarding Richmond/Franktown Road at its recent meeting.

After due consideration, Council has decided that it will not consider changing the name of the Richmond Road.

The County of Lanark has been advised by Bell Canada, and other various parties who have an interest in establishing a 911 system, that there should not be any road naming conflict within the County itself. In doing this, the County has ensured that there are no road naming conflicts within its boundaries. The name, Franktown Road has been in place in the Town of Carleton Place for many years as Highway 15 becomes the Franktown Road when it enters Carleton Place. Therefore, in order to use Franktown Road within the Township of Beckwith, Carleton Place would have had to change a traditional road name. Due to the number of residents on this roadway, this was not done.

Traditionally, at the intersection of the road in question and Highway 15, a sign has been posted indicating "Richmond". Therefore, locally this particular roadway has been known as the Richmond Road. The applicable property identification numbers have been in place for almost two years and residents along this roadway have been using such number. In order to change this name to any other name would result in problems for those residents as they attempt to become accustomed to some other name.

When designing our road naming signs within the County, consideration was taken as to what would happen if a person were phoning 911 while using a cellular phone. It was decided that, in order to assist such person, the municipality's name and intersection

numbers would also be included on all road signs . Therefore, even though this road is named Richmond Road, the name Beckwith Township does appear on the road name sign just above the road name. It was thought that this will assist the emergency response team in locating the emergency area in question.

Council took all of this into consideration when naming the Richmond Road and again after receiving your request. Again, Council will not be considering changing the road name at this time.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Stanley Brunton". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Stanley Brunton  
Reeve

Extract of Draft Minute  
9-1-1 Advisory Committee  
25 September 1998

5. RENAMING OF FRANKTOWN ROAD - UPDATE  
- Co-ordinator, 9-1-1 Advisory Committee report dated 14 Sep 98

F. Payette brought to the attention of the Committee a brief note in the "The Gazette", Almonte, Ontario which indicated that this issue would be discussed by the Public Works Committee of the County of Lanark.

G. Kemp stated that what did not appear to get transmitted to the Township of Beckwith or the County was the importance of continuing the address numbers for the newly named "Richmond Road". He questioned whether this committee should send such clarification to the County. L. Jenkins advised that they have already completed their numbering and it would be costly to make any changes at this time. F. Payette advised that the name of the township appears on the road signs for Richmond Road.

R. White indicated that there have already been situations where a cell site was busy and the call "hit" the Ottawa site as an alternative, so he understood where confusion can arise. If a call is made from a cell phone and the call goes to a site in the Region, not knowing where that caller's township is can create a bad situation.

G. Kemp suggested that the committee forward its comments to the Public Works Committee in Lanark County, indicating its satisfaction if the addresses were numbered sequentially. The committee agreed that Gord Kemp attend that meeting on behalf of the 9-1-1 Management Board and the Advisory Committee, to address this issue verbally.

**That the 9-1-1 Advisory Committee receive this report for information.**

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