

5. NAMING REGIONAL ROAD 73
CITY OF NEPEAN AND TOWNSHIP OF RIDEAU

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

That Council approve the following:

- 1. That former Provincial Highway 16 (now Regional Road 73) from the Ottawa/Nepean municipal boundary south to Fourth Line Road (Regional Road 5)) in the Township of Rideau be named “PRINCE OF WALES DRIVE” (see Annex I);**
- 2. That the Ministry of Transportation (MTO) be requested to install ‘SCENIC ROUTE’ signs on the northbound lanes of Highway 416 prior to the Highway 416/Bankfield Road interchange to accommodate northbound tourists on Highway 416 who wish to take the scenic route into the urban area, and;**
- 3. That the Regional Environment and Transportation Department (ETD) be directed to install Trail Blazer “SCENIC ROUTE” signs along Bankfield Road (Regional Road 8) to Prince of Wales Drive (Regional Road 73) and on the proposed Prince of Wales Drive north of Bankfield Road.**

DOCUMENTATION:

1. Planning and Development Approvals Commissioner’s report dated 24 Jun 98 is immediately attached.

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REPORT
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DATE 24 June 1998

TO/DEST. Co-ordinator
Planning and Environment Committee

FROM/EXP. Planning and Development Approvals Commissioner

SUBJECT/OBJET **NAMING REGIONAL ROAD 73 - CITY OF NEPEAN AND
TOWNSHIP OF RIDEAU**

DEPARTMENTAL RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Planning and Environment Committee (acting as the Regional Street Name Change Committee) recommend that Council approve the following:

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2. That the Ministry of Transportation (MTO) be requested to install "SCENIC ROUTE" signs on the northbound lanes of Highway 416 prior to the Highway 416/Bankfield Road interchange to accommodate northbound tourists on Highway 416 who wish to take the scenic route into the urban area, and;
3. That the Regional Environment and Transportation Department (ETD) be directed to install Trail Blazer "SCENIC ROUTE" signs along Bankfield Road (Regional Road 8) to Prince of Wales Drive (Regional Road 73) and on the proposed Prince of Wales Drive north of Bankfield Road.

BACKGROUND

Former Highway 16 through the City of Nepean and the Township of Rideau is now Regional Road 73. As a result, a name is now required for this road.

The City of Ottawa portion of Regional Road 73 is called “Prince of Wales Drive” and it would be appropriate that former Highway 16 through the City of Nepean and the Township of Rideau up to Fourth Line Road (Regional Road 5) also be named “Prince of Wales Drive” as it is a continuous Regional Road.

REGIONAL COMMENTS

The name “Prince of Wales Drive” for this section of former Highway 16 is the most appropriate because it is a continuation of this existing road from the City of Ottawa. The use of a different name within the City of Nepean and the Township of Rideau would create confusion for the travelling public and for emergency response services.

Schedule I in the Regional Official Plan designates Regional Road 73 through the Cities of Nepean and Ottawa as a Scenic Route. Scenic routes form a network that links major tourist, recreation, heritage and natural environment destinations in and beyond Ottawa-Carleton. Some follow historic routes; others, as is the case with Regional Road 73, follow rivers. By encouraging tourists to use scenic routes into the urban area we can provide economic benefits to adjacent communities throughout the Region.

Prior to the opening of Highway 416 tourist traffic used former Highway 16 (now Regional Road 73) to enter the urban area of Ottawa-Carleton. With the opening of Highway 416 much of the tourist traffic now uses this new highway to reach the urban area of Ottawa-Carleton. This has resulted in financial losses to the businesses along the Nepean portion of former Highway 16. By installing “Scenic Route” signs at critical locations along Regional Roads 8 and 73 east of the Highway 416/Bankfield Road interchange northbound traffic on Highway 416 will have the option of taking the “Scenic Route” into the urban area. This would promote the historical value of the Rideau River as well as providing economic benefits to the existing business along this section of former Highway 16. However, in order to encourage northbound tourists on Highway 416 to use the scenic route (Regional Road 73) into the urban area, it is critical that the Ministry of Transportation (MTO) co-operates by agreeing to install “Scenic Route” signs for northbound traffic prior to and at the Highway 416/Bankfield Road intersection. To this effect we have been notified by Regional Councillor McGoldrick-Larsen that the Ministry of Transportation has agreed to consider the installation of “Scenic Route” signs at this location once Regional Council approves the proposed naming of former Highway 16 (Regional Road 73) to “Prince of Wales Drive”.

CITY OF NEPEAN

The City of Nepean advertised the proposed naming of Regional Road 73 to Prince of Wales Drive and held a public meeting on 24 February 1998 to hear anyone who was affected by the proposal. No objections were received. Of the approximately 150 properties in Nepean that use Highway 16 as their address many are already informally using Prince of Wales Drive for addressing purposes.

As a result Nepean's Planning and Development Committee recommended at its 14 February 1998 meeting to endorse the name "Prince of Wales Drive" as the name for Regional Road 73. This recommendation was endorsed by Nepean Council on 26 February 1998.

TOWNSHIP OF RIDEAU

Rideau Township Council supports the name "Prince of Wales Drive" for Regional Road 73 subject to public consultation. To this effect, the Township Clerk placed advertisements in local papers seeking public comments. Out of approximately 110 residents, four responses were received; two supported the proposal and two were opposed.

PUBLIC NOTIFICATION

The Legal Department has advised that the subject road can be named pursuant to the provisions of the Municipal Act, Section 21, paragraph 111. However, it is only in the instance of changing the name of a highway that publication is required. In this instance, the situation is one of giving a name to a highway and a publication is not required. Notwithstanding this, the City of Nepean and the Township of Rideau did advertise, as noted above, in local newspapers the intent to name former Highway 16 (Regional Road 73) "Prince of Wales Drive".

FINANCIAL IMPLICATION

There will be a nominal cost to the Regional Municipality of Ottawa-Carleton to manufacture and install the trail blazer signs.

*Approved by
N. Tunnacliffe, MCIP, RPP*

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Attach.

