



Staff Report

Report To: Council Meeting
From: Jeff McArthur, Fire Chief
Date: 2024-03-14
Report: 2024-03
Subject: Duplicate Street Names

Recommendation:

That West Elgin Council approve staff to proceed with renaming streets with duplicate names within the municipality, to eliminate emergency service dispatch confusion and response delay.

Purpose:

To provide Council with information on a concern from emergency services, and to seek approval to proceed on renaming duplicate street names within the municipality.

Background:

Several years ago, the Municipality of West Elgin, along with all Elgin County municipalities, implemented 911 addressing, which overall have improved emergency services' ability to determine the proper location of emergency incidents.

Most duplicate street names were eliminated during this process; however, some remain. Fire, EMS, and presumably OPP have experienced occurrences of confusion from their respective dispatch centres while attempting to determine address locations in West Elgin.

Staff have identified the following duplicate roads names: Jane, Maple, Monroe/Munro, Main, and Argyle. Although these duplicate road names are in different villages and areas, from an emergency services dispatch perspective they are both in the Municipality of West Elgin. Prior to amalgamation they would be identified as being in the Village of Rodney or the Village of West Lorne.

To eliminate any further confusion and potential delay in emergency service response, and with the support of other Elgin County emergency services, staff recommend eliminating the duplicate names, with the changes being made to the streets with the fewest impacted residents.

Acknowledging the inconvenience this may pose for residents whose street name may change this recommendation is based in the best interest of public safety and our residents. Methods of accepting suggested new street names from those impacted residents has been discussed. Suggestions from residents would be brought to Council for final approval.

Financial Implications:

Estimated costs (\$) are:

Labour	640.00
Machine time	240.00
New street signs & hardware	850.00
TOTAL	1730.00

Respectfully submitted.

Jeff McArthur, Fire Chief

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