



Memo

To: Mayor Mills and Members of Council

From: Shelburne Arts Culture and Heritage Committee

Date: March 10, 2025

Re: Naming of Municipal Laneways within Shelburne

Dear Mayor Mills and Members of Council

This memo is being provided as an update from the Shelburne Arts Culture and Heritage Committee regarding the naming of the last Municipal Laneways within Shelburne.

The Arts Culture and Heritage Committee has decided upon three names for the final three municipal laneways to be named in Shelburne.

The first name is Townsend Lane after Harold and Lucy Townsend. Mr. and Mrs. Townsend were married in Shelburne and are both WWII Veterans. They were founding executive members of the Dufferin County Historical Society and were also involved with the Fall Fair and the Legion. Additionally, Harold served on Shelburne Town Council from 1959-1961. The Townsends operated a John Deere Farm Equipment Dealer for 36 years starting in 1942. The shop was at 151 Victoria St. The proposed Townsend Lane would be the lane running parallel to the south side of Main St. E. from Victoria St. to the east side of Dufferin St. (see Attachment A). Larry Townsend and Pixie Sills, the children of Harold and Lucy Townsend have approved the name choice, and their approvals are attached to this memo as Attachment B and C.

The second name is Sawyers Feed Mill Lane after the Sawyers Feed Mill which operated on Adeline. The Feed Mill was a family-run business that started in 1957 and over the years three generations were involved. Jim Sawyers operated the mill from the early 1970's onward. The proposed Sawyers Feed Mill Lane would be the lane running parallel to Wellington St. and Joseph St. and off Brickyard Lane (see Attachment A). Marion Sawyers, widow of Jim Sawyers has approved the name choice, and her approval is attached to this memo as Attachment D.

The third name is Rose Lane after John Rose. John Rose researched and wrote The History of Shelburne which was published in 1974. This 559-page book compiles “thousands upon thousands of hours digging and delving, investigating, checking, classifying and correlating it all for compilation into readable form so that generations yet unborn may know something of our part of the country in its pioneer times (The History of Shelburne, John Rose, “A Foreword”). Mr. Rose is deceased and has no family to approve of the name choice. The proposed Rose Lane would be the lane that runs North/South between Marie St. and Fourth Ave (See Attachment A).

The Committee requests that Council approve the proposed names of Townsend Lane, Sawyers Feed Mill Lane and Rose Lane in the proposed locations for the final municipal laneways naming.

Sincerely,

Shelburne Arts Culture and Heritage Committee
Lynda Buffett – Chair
Councillor Lindsay Wegener – Vice Chair
Councillor Kyle Fegan
Bella Carter
Debbie Van Wyck



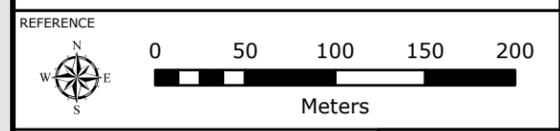
PROJECT NAME	DRAWING TITLE
Naming of Municipal Laneways	Proposed Laneway Names

LEGEND - PROPOSED LANEWAY NAMES	
	Rose Lane
	Sawyers Mill Lane
	Townsend Lane

LEGEND - EXISTING LANEWAY NAMES	
	Belle Air Lane
	Berwick Lane
	Brickyard Lane
	Claridge Lane
	Economist Lane
	Jelly Lane
	Nurse Dudgeon Lane
	Old School Lane
	Red Front Store Lane
	Station Lane
	Veterans Lane

LEGEND - OTHER FEATURES	
	Road

NOTES



	GIS PROJECT:	2021-027
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	DATE:	2025-02-28

Attachment B

From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]; [Alice Byl](#)
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Naming of a Back Lane within Shelburne
Date: Thursday, May 16, 2024 10:13:47 AM

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Alice: Thanks for contacting my sister and me! I approve and am honoured that the committee agreed to forward this decision to Council! Our John Deere Farm Equipment Dealership fronted on Victoria St. (151 Victoria) and ran along the lane. I believe the town now uses the property as a Parking Lot. Looking forward to hearing from you again as the naming process continues!

Larry Townsend

On Thursday, May 16, 2024 at 09:25:27 a.m. EDT, Alice Byl <abyl@shelburne.ca> wrote:

Good Morning,

As you are aware Karen Lang made a request to the Arts, Culture and Heritage Committee to have a back lane named in honour of your parents Harold and Lucy Townsend. The committee reviewed the information on May 8, 2024, and are requesting that Council approve the name Townsend Lane for the back lane that runs in between Main Ste E and Adrew St. This lane runs right behind the Town Hall and from the committee's understanding it is near where the John Deere Farm Equipment Dealership was and can be seen on the attached map. Before the request can go to Council for approval, we would like to confirm your approval of the use of the Townsend name in honour of your parents for this back lane. Please reply to this email at your convenience with your approval.

We will inform you when the request is going to be made to Council to formalize the name but since the committee is still choosing one more name for another back lane, I just want to make you aware it may be a few more months before the request goes to Council as the committee will submit 3 names for Council's approval at one time. Please let me know if you have questions. Thank you.

Alice Byl, Deputy Clerk, Committee Coordinator

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Attachment C

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Alice Byl](mailto:abyl@shelburne.ca)
Subject: Re: Naming of a Back Lane within Shelburne
Date: Thursday, February 27, 2025 2:38:05 PM
Attachments: [Municipal Laneways 2021-027-02 08-31-2023.pdf](#)

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Hi Alice,
Thank you for the information re- naming the back lane in honour of my parent's legacy in Shelburne.
I am totally in support of the naming of Townsend Lane.
Thank you
Pixie Sills
Whistler B.C.
Sent from my iPad

On May 16, 2024, at 6:25 AM, Alice Byl <abyl@shelburne.ca> wrote:

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