

Staff Report



To	General Committee
Subject	Renaming of Army, Navy and Air Force Drive to Vespra Street
Date	February 26, 2025
Ward	2
From	M. Banfield, RPP, Executive Director of Development Services
Executive Member Approval	M. Banfield, RPP, Executive Director of Development Services
CAO Approval	M. Prowse, Chief Administrative Officer
Staff Report #	DEV004-25

Recommendation(s):

1. That the name of the right of way municipally known as Army, Navy and Air Force Drive be renamed to Vespra Street as shown on Appendix A attached to Staff Report DEV004-25, and that the properties fronting onto the renamed street with municipal address on this street, as shown on Appendix B to Staff Report DEV004-25, be also renumbered accordingly.
2. That, if approved, the following costs associated to the changes required as part of the renaming and renumbering of the properties on that portion of Army, Navy and Air Force Drive as shown on Appendix B attached to Staff Report DEV004-25, be assumed by the City of Barrie:
 - a) Installation of new street signs;
 - b) New street number signs for the existing buildings; and,
 - c) Any fee associated to changes on the systems of third parties.
3. To repeal [By-law 2000-233](#).

Executive Summary:

The purpose of this staff report is to recommend a name change to the right of way known municipally as Army, Navy and Air Force Drive and described as Part Lot 25 Concession 6 Vespra; Part Reserve for Vespra Street Plan 211 Barrie Parts 1 & 2, 51R9157 Being Army, Navy, and Air Force Drive, as shown on Appendix A to Staff Report DEV004-25.

The renaming of this right-of-way from Army, Navy and Air Force Drive to Vespra Street will not negatively affect any businesses in the area but will resolve the concerns to the Harvest Bible Chapel owners as people still come to their doors asking about the ANAF Club.

Key Findings:

On March 11, 2024, Harvest Bible Chapel submitted a request to rename the street from Army, Navy and Air Force Drive to Vespra Street indicating that this street name is confusing as the ANAF Club is no longer on this property, noting they received walk-in inquiries because the street name. This request is shown in Appendix D to Staff Report DEV004-25.

The Municipal Naming Working Group met to review the request for the renaming of the street from Army, Navy and Air Force Drive to Vespra Street and supported the recommendation to proceed with the name change if after public consultation no concerns were heard.

The right of way, currently known as Army, Navy and Air Force Drive, with an approximately 230m length, was originally part of Vespra Street as shown on Appendix C to Staff Report DEV004-25 - Registered Plan 211 and Plan 51R-9157. Vespra Street, a road in the City's road network identified as a local road on Map 4b of the Official Plan, runs in an East-West direction starting at Ellen Street in a western direction towards Anne Street South.

There are only two properties affected by this street name change, and one is a City-owned property as shown on Appendix B of Staff Report DEV004-25. The property known as 30 Army, Navy and Air Force is privately owned by the same owner of 23-25 George Street and 260 Vespra Street, and they do not use the address on Army, Navy and Air Force Drive for any purposes. The property known as 41 Army Navy and Air Force Drive is a City-owned property.

The other 3 properties located on the subject street do not require an address change as they are municipally addressed off surrounding streets as shown on Appendix B of Staff Report DEV004-25.

Financial Implications:

If the recommendations are approved as included in Staff Report DEV004-25, it is anticipated that there will be minor financial implications for the Corporation.

Where roads are renamed, the municipality must replace existing street signs at all road intersections as needed. In addition, the following costs for renaming and renumbering a property have been identified, and recommended to be covered by the City for the impacted parcels of land and any existing business:

- new street number sign(s) for the existing buildings; and,
- any fee associated to changes on the systems of third parties (e.g. Canada Post, Alectra).

Alternatives:

The following alternatives are available for consideration by General Committee:

Alternative #1 - General Committee could deny the recommendation of staff to investigate the street name change from Army, Navy and Air Force Drive to Vespra Street.

This alternative is not recommended as there has been a formal request made by the Harvest Bible Chapel and there is minimal impact to the other properties/businesses in the area.

Strategic Plan Alignment:

Affordable Place to Live		Not Applicable
Community Safety	x	This fosters a safe and navigable city and while supporting services and businesses in the area. The proposed change in street name from Army, Navy and Air Force Drive back to Vespra Street will eliminate confusion and allow property owners and visitors to area businesses, as well as Emergency Services, to more easily navigate to and from this area.
Thriving Community		Not Applicable
Infrastructure Investments		Not Applicable
Responsible Governance	x	Providing street names that are continuous, unique and do not conflict with existing street names in surrounding municipalities supports a well-planned transportation network.

Additional Background Information and Analysis:

[By-law 2000-233](#) was passed by Council on October 16, 2000, to approve the name change of a part of Vespra Street to Army, Navy and Air Force Drive as shown on Appendix C to Staff Report DEV004-25.

This street name change was a result of a request submitted by the Army Navy and Air Force (ANAF) Club to commemorate and recognize those in the Armed Forces who served our Country. The ANAF Club was located at 7 George Street; a property with secondary frontage on the street known as Army Navy and Air Force Drive; however, no address was ever assigned to the property on this street.

In 2016 the ANAF Club sold this property at 7 George Street to the Harvest Bible Chapel and the club was relocated to 52 Morrow Road.

The Municipal Naming Policy, updated in January 2016, establishes the processes and criteria for naming, renaming, and dedicating Municipal Assets such as streets, parks and facilities as well as including the methods by which the public may provide suggestions and comments.

The Municipal Naming Policy establishes that the cost associated with a renaming (including but not limited to signage, legal costs, etc.) will be the responsibility of the City as the renaming has been agreed to by the City.

The City of Barrie proudly recognizes the vital contributions of Canadian Forces and its personnel to our community and nation. By way of the Cenotaph located at Memorial Square, Military Heritage Park located on the south shore of Kempenfelt Bay and naming streets to commemorate/ honour our fallen militaries.

The proper street naming and numbering signs ensure that our emergency services providers can locate a property as quickly as possible in an emergency and provides the foundation for locating properties in the City for all other purposes.

Therefore, if the renaming of the right of way from Army, Navy and Air Force Drive to Vespra Street, as shown on Appendix A, is approved, then properties on this road segment with street number on Army, Navy and Air Force Drive will need to be renumbered. By-law 2004-147 requires every property owner to post their municipal property number to be readily visible from the driveway connection to the road.

Consultation and Engagement:

Public consultation for the renaming of this street was given on January 7, 2025, and no concerns were raised.

A letter to the owners of the properties with access to this street was sent from the City to notify them of the intent to rename it from Army, Navy and Air Force Drive to Vespra Street, on January 30, 2025, and no concerns were raised.

Notification of the address changes as described on Appendix B of Staff Report DEV004-25 will be provided to property owners, all City departments, utility companies and other government agencies following the approval of the renaming of Army Navy and Air Force Drive to Vespra Street.

Environmental and Climate Change Impact Matters:

There are no environmental and/or climate change impact matters related to the recommendation.

Appendix:

Appendix A – Road to be Renamed

Appendix B – Proposed New Municipal Addresses

Appendix C – Original Plan - Vespra Street

Appendix D – Application Form Request – (Rename Army, Navy and Air Force Drive to Vespra Street)

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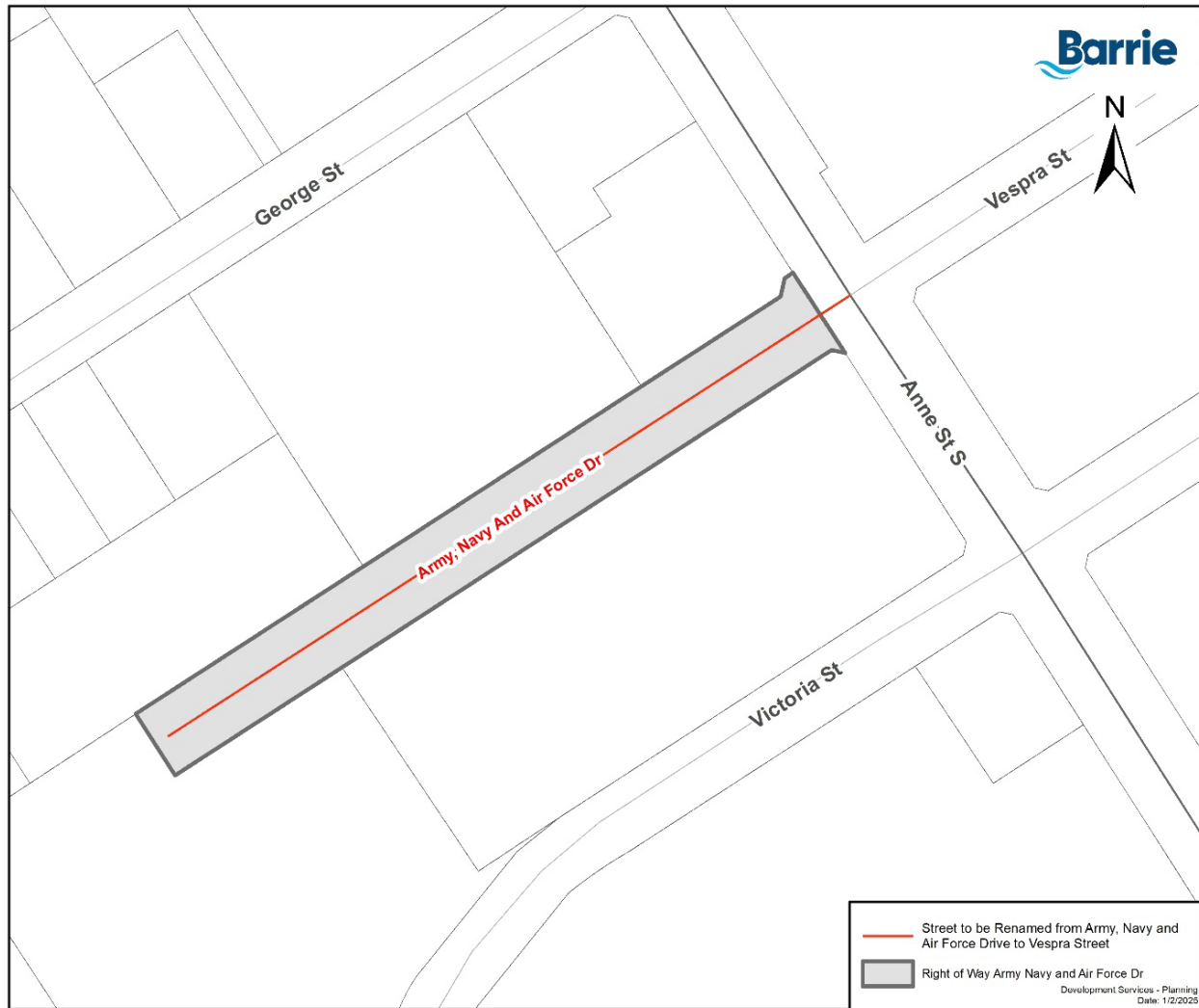
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Not Applicable

Appendix A - Road to be Renamed

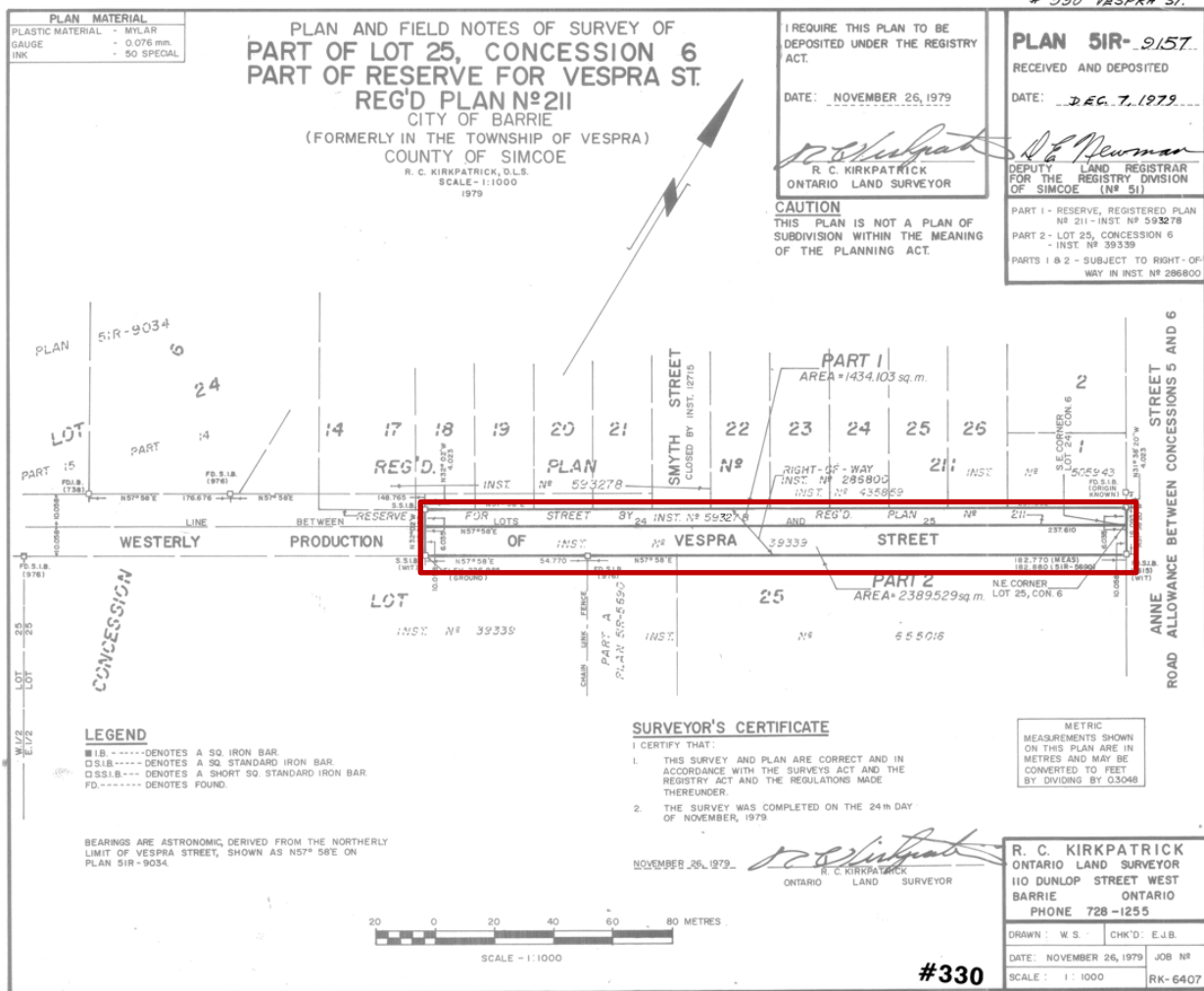


Appendix B - Proposed New Municipal Addresses



Current Municipal Property Number	Proposed New Municipal Address	Legal Description
30 Army Navy and Air Force Drive	278 Vespra Street	Lots 16, 17, 18, 19, 20 & 21, N/S Vespra St Plan 211 City of Barrie
41 Army Navy and Air Force Drive	245 Vespra Street	Part Lot 25 Concession 6 Vespra as in BA39339, South of Vespra St, East of 51R16430, NE of RO761236, N of John St, NW of Victoria St & SW of Part 1, 51R9151; (Vespra) City of Barrie

Appendix C - Original Plan – Vespra Street (Parts 1 & 2 Plan 51R-9157)



Appendix D - Application Form Request (Rename Army, Navy and Air Force Drive to Vespra Street)



Municipal Naming Policy Including Application Forms

Appendix "A" to the Municipal Naming Policy Naming Application Form

A. NOMINATOR'S INFORMATION	
Name (Individual or Organization): Harvest Bible Chapel	
Mailing Address: Barrie, ON	
Telephone:	E-mail:
B. INFORMATION CONCERNING THE PROPOSED NAME	
Proposed Name: Vespra Street	
If the name suggested relates to the commemoration of an individual who is alive, please provide the individual's contact information in the section below. <i>Note: A Commemorative Name may be used only once in the City of Barrie – subsequent requests will be denied.</i>	
Name:	
Mailing Address:	
Telephone:	E-mail:
Applicable Criteria (select all applicable criteria):	
☐ The nominated name gives a sense of place, continuity, belonging and/or celebrates the distinguishing characteristics and uniqueness of Barrie	
☐ The nominated name maintains a long standing local area identification with the residents of Barrie	
☐ The nominated name promotes pride in the City of Barrie, acknowledges local heritage, history and/or recognizes unique features and geography	
☐ The rationale associated with the selection of the nominated would be understandable to the majority of Barrie residents	
☐ The nominated name recognizes the contributions of organizations such as a partnership with or without financial contribution	
☐ The nominated individual/family has demonstrated excellence, courage or exceptional service to the citizens of the City of Barrie, the Province of Ontario and/or Canada;	
☐ The nominated individual/family has an extraordinary community service record;	

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☐	The nominated individual/family has worked to foster equality and reduce discrimination;
☐	A direct relationship or association existed between the place of residence of or community efforts undertaken by the individual/family and the property, building or element to be named;
☐	The nominated individual has made a significant financial contribution to a park or facility, and the contribution significantly benefits the community that the park or facility serves (i.e., the park or facility may not have otherwise been possible without the financial assistance)
☐	The nominated name has historical significance
C. RATIONALE	
Please describe the rationale for Nomination and attach background information related to criterion chosen, which substantiates all claims made (include copies of newspaper articles, certificates, awards, letters of support or commendation, service records, pictures, etc.	
We are asking the city to rename Army Navy and Airforce Drive to Vespra Street. We are requesting this name as it is the name directly on the other side of Anne Street.	
Please note all information provided below and/or attached to this Application Form will form part of the Naming Application Form and will therefore be released to the public in any public notices/advertisements produced, public Agenda and Minutes, Committee discussions/meetings and Reports which may go forward to Council.	

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D: DO YOU WISH THE NAME TO BE USED FOR A:	
☐	Park
☐	Facility/Building
☒	Street
☐	Element of a Park or Facility (please describe): _____
☐	Any of the above
☐	Other (please describe): _____
1 st choice:	
2 nd choice:	
E. IS THERE A PARTICULAR WARD OR PARK/FACILITY/STREET YOU WISH THE NAME TO BE USED FOR?	
1 st choice:	
2 nd choice:	
F: RENAMING: <i>(Please note that before a Renaming Application is accepted, the nominator must have written permission from the family or next of kin —if this application results in a request to displace an existing commemorative name [person, persons, or family]):</i>	
Does the venue currently have a name? ☒ Yes ☐ No	
If yes, provide current name, details and rationale for the proposed renaming of this venue: Army Navy and Airforce Drive The reason for this change is that the ANAF facility is no longer here and it's confusing to people, as they come to us thinking they will find ANAF because the street is called <i>that</i>	
G. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: (ADD INFORMATION AS NEEDED)	
Nominator's Signature: _____	Date: <i>March 11, 2024</i>
Personal information about the Nominator contained on this form is collected pursuant to the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, M.56, R.S.O. 1990 and will be used for the purposes of responding to your request. Questions about this collection should be directed to: the City Clerk, City of Barrie, 70 Collier Street, Barrie, Ontario, L4M 4T5, (705) 739-4204	

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