



## **Staff Report PW2022-002**

**Title of Report:** PW2022-002 Request for Southgate Sideroad Name Change  
**Department:** Public Works  
**Branch:** Transportation & Public Safety  
**Council Date:** January 19, 2022

### **Recommendation:**

**Be it resolved that** Council receive Staff Report PW2022-002 for information; and  
**That** Council approve, in principle, the renaming of Southgate Sideroad 47 between Highway 89 and Southgate Road 04 to Little Red Way; and  
**That** Council consider approval of the renaming of the road by By-law No. 2022-004 at the February 2, 2022, Council meeting after public notice has been given.

### **Background:**

Staff have received a written request from three property owners on Southgate Sideroad 47 between Highway 89 and Southgate Road 04 for renaming this roadway section to Little Red Way. (Attachment #1)  
The letter refers to the previous Egremont road system naming / numbering, prior to the Grey County civic addressing system that changed to the amalgamated Southgate Road identification system and numbering.

### **Staff Comments:**

Staff have contacted the Grey County Planning Technician regarding the resident letter received with the following response:

The road and addresses were checked with Grey County mapping (GIS) system, and they are correct based on the locations of their entrances.

She contacted the Ministry of Health, and they get a "hit" at the correct location in their system. Emergency services will not have trouble locating them during an emergency call was verified.

The County gets many emails in regard to "people" being unable to locate addresses in rural areas using private apps like Google maps and GPS satellite navigation systems. We do not know where these companies get their data and unfortunately since they are private companies, we cannot do anything about it.

A road name change would be up to Southgate Council and If they want to change it, they will have to pass a by-law or resolution.

If they decide to do this, I will request that it DOES NOT take effect immediately but 3 weeks after it is passed, so there is time to:

1. Notify emergency services so they can get it in their system.
2. Send letters to all property owners to notify of their address change so they can contact Service Ontario to change the address on their driver's licence and health card.
3. Order new intersection signs and have them posted on the effect date

Please note that there is no conflict with the name "Little Red Way". No municipality in Grey County has anything similar, she commented.

Provisions in the Street Naming Policy No. 69 have been addressed.

The requested sideroad naming change to "Little Red Way" signifies the little red schoolhouse (Egremont SS No. 5) at the northwest corner of the Southgate Road 04 & Sideroad 47 intersection.

The second request to install a minimum 4 – 8 Tonne Max signage for Southgate Bridge S107, at the time of receiving this letter, there are 2 – 8 Tonne signs posted at each of the north & south entrance onto Southgate Sideroad 47, and only one sign posted at the south end of the approach of the bridge structure. Staff will install the load restricted 8 tonne max sign at the approach on the north end of the bridge that is missing.

If the road name is changed, property owners on this section would still have an existing civic address of "47xxxx Little Red Way".

### **Financial Implications:**

Mr. Randy Bye has offered to cover the costs involved to rename the sideroad. It will require the Southgate intersection signs to be replaced, as well as the Ministry of Transportation signage on Highway 89 to be changed.

### **Communications & Community Action Plan Impact:**

Goal 5 - Upgrading our "Hard Services"

#### **Action 5:**

The residents and businesses of Southgate recognize our linear services - roads, bridges, water and sewer works, for example - to be a fundamental purpose of municipal government. This infrastructure needs to be serviceable and sustainable so that our businesses and communities can thrive and grow.

### **Concluding Comments:**

Staff recommends Council receive Staff Report PW2022-002 for information, and that Council approve, in principle, the renaming of Southgate Sideroad 47 between Highway 89 and Southgate Road 04 to Little Red Way, and that Council consider approval of the renaming of the road by By-law No. 2022-004 at the February 2, 2022, Council meeting after public notice has been given.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Dept. Head:** ***Original Signed By***  
Jim Ellis, Public Works Manager

**CAO Approval:** ***Original Signed By***  
Dave Milliner, CAO

**Attachments:**

Attachment #1 – Southgate Sideroad 47 Property Owners Letter dated December 3, 2021

Attachment # 2 – Map of Road Section