



Committee Report

To:	Warden Hicks and Members of Grey County Council
Committee Date:	February 25, 2021
Subject / Report No:	PDR-CW-05-21 County Forest Tract Renaming Report
Title:	County Forest Tract Renaming
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Lower Tier(s) Affected:	N/A
Status:	Recommendation adopted by Committee as presented per Resolution CW53-21;

Recommendation

1. That Report PDR-CW-05-21 regarding County Forest Tract Renaming be received; and
2. That in accordance with the corporate asset naming policy, the identified County forest properties (19) be renamed as proposed in the report and be formally endorsed by County Council; and
3. That County Forest Property #35 be renamed to the preferred name to be provided by Saugeen Ojibway Nation (SON).

Executive Summary

The County's planning and forestry staff have been working toward implementing recommendations from the Recreational Trails Master Plan. One of the recommendations was to *consider a unique name for each forest tract, in accordance with the County's asset naming policies and procedures*. The proposal before council would be to rename 19 out of the 45 County forest properties.

Background and Discussion

With the adoption of the Recreational Trails Master Plan, staff have been working toward implementing some of the recommendations found within this report that are intended to support the promotion, planning, design, maintenance, and management of our County owned assets, being both the CP Rail Trail and County forest properties.

One of the recommendations was to *consider a unique name for each forest tract, in*

accordance with the County's asset naming policies and procedures. Many are small changes, including the addition of cardinal directions (North, South, East, West), while others include name consolidation (if there are multiple properties adjacent to one another). There are only a select few properties where staff are proposing an entirely new name to further emphasize sense of place, continuity and belonging reflecting the geographic location, community or neighbourhood where the corporate asset is located, recognize the historical significance of the area, reflect unique characteristics of the site or asset, or recognize native flora and fauna. A few of the existing names may cause confusion due to the duplication of, or similarity with existing named locations or features within the County.

Planning and forestry staff have reached out to Grey Roots archives, Grey Sauble Conservation Authority, Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority, Tourism staff, along with our communications manager to help inform the proposed new property names. Staff also connected with external groups: Camp Oliver Forest – Friends of Grey County Forests and the Saugeen Ojibway Nation (SON). Staff anticipate receiving a preferred name from SON for County forest property #35 – Quarry Tract which is located in the Township of Georgian Bluffs to recognize the traditional territory of SON as well as the history of SON within this part of the County.

Concurrently, staff have been working on completing an internal document for risk management, trail design, and signage guidelines. This has helped inform the design of new County forest property signs, incorporating the County's new branding colours, logo, and contact information.

County Forest Properties

Out of the 45 County forest properties, staff have flagged the following under Table 1 to be considered for renaming. Through this process, staff have consulted the [corporate asset naming policy \(G-GEN-009\)](#) to ensure the suggested names form part of the 'acceptable names' criteria. General preference will be given to the names that:

- **Give a sense of place, continuity and belonging reflecting the geographic location, community or neighbourhood where the corporate asset is located**
- **Recognize the historical significance of the area**
- **Reflect unique characteristics of the site or asset**
- **Recognize native flora and fauna**
- Reflect the type of service offered
- Are in keeping with a selected theme
- Honour individuals who have:
 - a. Demonstrated excellence, courage or exceptional service to the citizens of Grey County, the Province and/or Canada
 - b. Provided extensive community service, worked to foster equality and reduce discrimination
 - c. Made a significant financial contribution to an asset, that significantly benefits the community
 - d. Historical significance to Grey County, the Province and/or Canada

Staff have opted to focus renaming efforts around the first four criteria listed above – sense of place, historical significance, unique characteristics, and/or recognition of native flora and fauna.

The [corporate asset naming policy \(G-GEN-009\)](#) also includes criteria around prohibited names. Unless otherwise determined by County Council, no name shall be chosen that:

1. Causes confusion due to duplication of or similarity with existing named locations or features within the County;
2. Is the name of:
 - a. an entity associated with tobacco, alcohol or obscenity
 - b. a religious or political organization;
3. May have an inappropriate acronym, short form or modification
4. Is discriminatory or derogatory

Tract	Current Forest Name	Suggested Renaming	Rationale
1	Artemesia Osprey Townline	Lady Bank	One block away from historic community <i>Lady Bank</i> – limit confusion by not naming the property the same as the adjacent Townline.
2	Artemesia Euphrasia Townline	Eugenia	Located two concessions north of <i>Eugenia Lake</i> and is near the settlement area of Eugenia.
6	Collingwood 19	Gibraltar	Just north of <i>Gibraltar</i> , a historic Grey County community. Recognizes the historical significance of the area.
7	Collingwood Osprey Townline	McKean's Mills	Close to the historic community <i>McKean's Mills</i> – limit confusion by not naming the property the same as the adjacent Townline.
8	Collingwood Landlocked	Kolapore Headwaters	The Provincially Significant Wetland located immediately north of the subject property is called the <i>Kolapore Headwaters Wetland</i> . Reflects the unique characteristics of the area.
11	Dromore East	Dromore	The subject property is located east of the historical settlement of <i>Dromore</i> . <i>Dromore</i> is not currently recognized as a formal settlement area. Including a cardinal identifier is not viewed as necessary in order to orient to the subject lands.

12	Camp Oliver Egremont	Camp Oliver East	Connected to tract #19. Simplify by naming both #12 & #19 the same. Former <i>Camp Oliver</i> camp was located on tract #19, on the east side of Camp Oliver Road. Include a cardinal identifier.
13	4 Corner	Four Corner	Spell-out 4.
17	Camp Oliver Glenelg	Topcliff North	Connected to tract #21. Simplify by naming both #17 & #21 the same. <i>Topcliff</i> was a historic community in the former Glenelg Township, located a few concessions east of the subject lands. There is also a <i>Topcliff Swamp</i> wetland complex located east of the subject lands.
19	Grey Main Camp Oliver	Camp Oliver (Camp Oliver West & Camp Oliver East)	Connected to tract #12. Simplify by naming both #12 & #19 the same. Former <i>Camp Oliver</i> camp was located on tract #19, on the east side of Camp Oliver Road. Include a cardinal identifier.
21	Camp Oliver	Topcliff South	Connected to tract #17. Simplify by naming both #21 & #17 the same. <i>Topcliff</i> was a historic community in the former Glenelg Township, located a few concessions east of the subject lands. There is also a <i>Topcliff Swamp</i> wetland complex located east of the subject lands.
22	Rocky Saugeen, The	Rocky Saugeen West	Cardinal identifier.
23	Rocky Saugeen, The	Rocky Saugeen East	Cardinal identifier.
25	Highway 10	Hamilton Creek	A portion of the <i>Hamilton Creek</i> wetland complex is located on this property. Reflects the unique characteristics of the property.
28	Taylor Road	Robson Lakes	Immediately across the street (to the north east), is the <i>Robson</i>

			<i>Lakes ANSI (life science). Recognizes the unique characteristics of the area.</i>
31	Copper Kettle	Copper Kettle (Copper Kettle North & Copper Kettle South)	Cardinal identifier.
32	Copper Kettle	Copper Kettle South	Cardinal identifier.
33	Lake Francis	Francis Lake	Commonly known locally as <i>Francis Lake</i> .
35	Quarry	TBD based on a preferred name to be provided by Saugeen Ojibway Nation	
45	Chatsworth	Sunny Valley (Sunny Valley North & Sunny Valley South)	Causes confusion as these properties are in Meaford. <i>Sunny Valley Road</i> bisects the subject properties.

Table 1: County Forest Properties with Recommended Renaming

Staff are also required to be cognizant of the implications around changing an existing property name. As per the [corporate asset naming policy \(G-GEN-009\)](#), the following factors will be considered by the County when assessing the merits of a request to change the existing name of a County asset:

1. Historical significance of the name;
2. Impact on the currently named individual, organization or entity
3. Cost and impact of:
 - a. Changing existing signage
 - b. Rebuilding community recognition
 - c. Updating records such as letterhead, databases and promotional materials
 - d. Emergency services/911

Unless otherwise provided in an asset naming agreement, the County may review, change or remove the name of a county asset at any time.

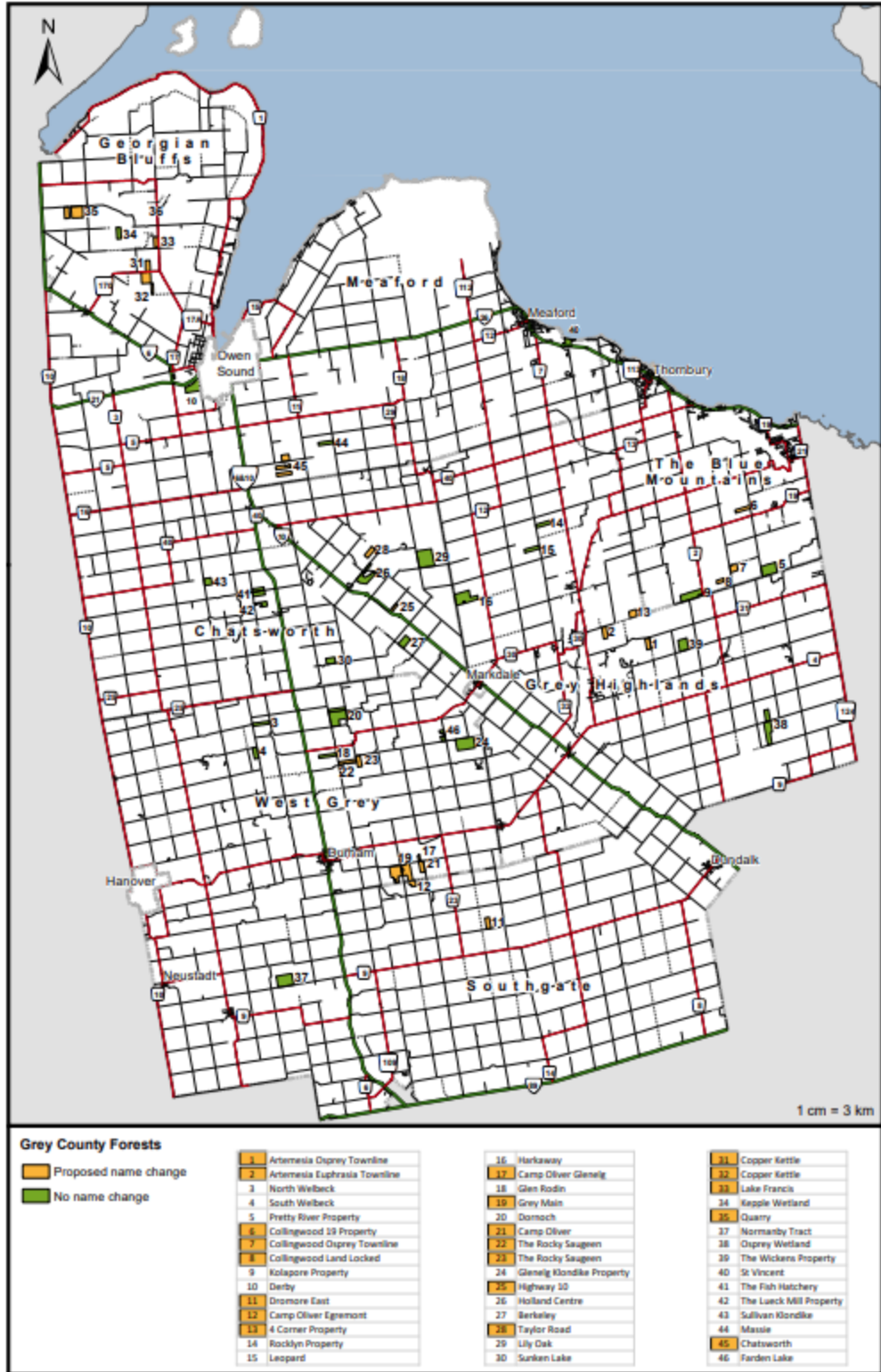
Through this process, staff consulted an archivist at Grey Roots to obtain historical information pertaining to the existing forest names and their location. Along with whether there were any suitable new, historically relevant names that could be considered. Staff also consulted Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority and Grey Sauble Conservation Authority for local watershed and/or significant natural habitat information in proximity to, or on the select forest properties. There were also discussions held internally with our Tourism and Communication departments and externally with Camp Oliver Forest – Friends of Grey County Forests and SON.

The signage that currently exists on all County forest properties will be updated in 2021 because of maintenance and modernization reasons. It is our (staffs') understanding that the current property signs are over 17 years old. Staff see this is a great opportunity to rename some of the properties prior to investing budgeted money in modernizing our trail system information (both print and digital). By changing the names, in addition to the updated signage, staff will also have to update the property names on the County's website and other mapping material available to the public. This will take limited staff time. Should the proposed name changes be supported, these will also be reflected in the new Forest Management Plan.

Civic address signs are typically placed at the entranceway(s) of each County forest property and can be used for reference in case of an emergency. Staff will be sure to connect with the paramedic team to provide updated digital and print mapping of the County forest properties, reflecting the name changes.

Reference Map

The following is a reference map of the County forest properties, but due to the size of the area to be covered, it may simplify review by opening the pdf attachment: [PDF County forest properties](#). This map currently reflects the existing property names, with those highlighted in yellow proposed to be renamed.



Legal and Legislated Requirements

None applicable.

Financial and Resource Implications

There are limited financial and staff resource implications associated with the proposed County forest property name changes. Staff are currently updating signage on all County forest properties for maintenance and modernization reasons. This is a budgeted initiative and staff see there being a great opportunity to make these changes to the property names now, prior to signage updates. Property names will have to be updated on the County's website, and on print mapping material available to the public.

Relevant Consultation

- Internal: Planning, Grey Roots Archivist, Communications Manager, Tourism
- External: Grey Sauble Conservation Authority, Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority, Camp Oliver Forest – Friends of Grey County Forests, Saugeen Ojibway Nation.

Appendices and Attachments

None