



Report to Council

To: Mayor and Council Members
From: Corey Dunsby, Public Works Manager
Date: April 27, 2026
Subject: Road Name Change – Hull's Road to Waterfall Lane

Recommendation:

THAT Council approves the renaming of Hull's Road to Waterfall Lane, in accordance with the Township's Road Naming and Renaming Policy adopted under By-law 2025-0027; and further;

THAT Council authorize staff to complete all required notifications, signage installation, mapping updates, and coordination with emergency services, Canada Post, and Peterborough County, as applicable.

Background:

Council adopted By-law 2025-0027, being a by-law to adopt a policy for Road Naming and Renaming, to establish a standardized and transparent process for naming and renaming roads within the Township of North Kawartha. The policy supports effective navigation, civic addressing, and emergency service delivery, including alignment with Next Generation 9-1-1 (NG9-1-1) requirements.

A request has been brought forward to rename Hull's Road to Waterfall Lane. Hull's Road has an atypical configuration, as it consists of two separate segments that are divided by County Road 56. The roadway on which the renaming has been requested also has two entrances. One entrance is located approximately 250 metres west of County Road 6 along County Road 56, while the second entrance is located approximately 280 metres north of County Road 56 along County Road 6.

The segment of Hull's Road subject to this proposal has four properties abutting the roadway with only one residential property having an entrance from this roadway. The suggested road name, Waterfall Lane, was submitted by that resident and reflects a locally derived naming choice consistent with the policy's encouragement of meaningful and appropriate road names.



Analysis:

The Township's Road Naming and Renaming Policy emphasizes the importance of clear, logical, and non-confusing road names to support wayfinding, service delivery, and emergency response.

Hull's Road presents several characteristics that warrant consideration for renaming:

- The road is divided into two segments by County Road 56;
- Each segment is accessed from County Road 56 and County Road 6; and
- The segment under consideration serves a single residential property, with one entrance and one affected resident.

Applying a single road name to multiple, separated segments can create confusion for residents, visitors, delivery services, and emergency responders, particularly when relying on digital mapping and address-based response systems. Renaming the segment accessed by the single residence is consistent with the intent of the Road Naming and Renaming Policy to enhance clarity and improve emergency response reliability.

The proposed name Waterfall Lane has been reviewed by the Road Naming Administrator, Township staff and Peterborough County's Street Data Aggregator and satisfies all policy requirements. The name:

- Is clear, distinctive, and easy to communicate verbally;
- Does not duplicate or closely resemble any existing road name within the Township or surrounding municipalities;
- Reflects local geographic or natural features in keeping with policy guidance; and
- Supports accurate addressing and mapping for emergency and municipal services.

Notice of the proposed road name change will be provided in accordance with the Municipal Act, 2001 and the Township's Road Naming and Renaming Policy.



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Financial Implications:

In accordance with the Road Naming and Renaming Policy, costs associated with road renaming, including signage replacement, mapping updates, notifications, and administrative processing may be borne by the applicant or otherwise managed through existing Township procedures, subject to Council approval.

Given that the affected roadway segment serves only one residence, implementation costs are expected to be minimal. Staff will coordinate the required updates and manage any associated costs in accordance with approved policies and procedures.

Replacement of physical roadway signs will be a cost of approximately \$200.00 CAD.

Strategic and/or Other Plans:

Governance:

Maintain a strong, accountable municipal government:

1. Maintain policies and processes that enable effective governance.
2. Provide quality community programs and services.
3. Provide effective, clear and transparent Township communication.

In Consultation With:

Alana Soloman, Chief Administrative Officer

Jason Post, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer

Connie Parent, Clerk

Attachment:

- 2026-Road Name Change-Hulls Road to Waterfall Lane-Map
- 2026- Application Road Name Change – Hull's Road to Waterfall Lane