
9 GOVERNANCE AND CORPORATE PERFORMANCE

9.1 PART RE-NAMING OF MINTON STREET, BEVERIDGE

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Attachments: 1. Locality Map

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Minton Street is split east and west by the Hume Freeway. The section east of the freeway is developed and in use whilst the section west of the freeway is currently unmade. This report recommends that the unmade section be renamed to Camerons Lane, Beveridge, an existing street that continues into the unmade section of Minton Street. This change does not affect developed properties on either Camerons Lane, Beveridge or Minton Street, Beveridge. This would essentially extend Camerons Lane, Beveridge, by approximately 440 metres and is a logical change given Minton Street east and west of the Hume Freeway is unlikely to be joined in the future. A map detailing the area and proposed change is included in Attachment 1.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council:

1. Rename the unmade section of Minton Street, Beveridge which runs between Malcolm Street, Beveridge and the Hume Freeway to Camerons Lane, Beveridge.
2. Submit the recommendation for the agreed road name change to the Office of Geographic Place Names for registration in the *Victorian Government Gazette* and, upon registration of the name change, issue a public notice in local newspapers and update relevant signage.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 As part of a recent subdivision review on Minton Street, Beveridge, it was identified that the affected unmade section of Minton Street where the subdivision was located was not physically connected to the developed part of Minton Street, Beveridge, which is located on the opposite side of the Hume Freeway. The two sections are unlikely to connect into the future.

3. POLICY AND LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 All road name proposals must meet the requirements of the Naming rules for places in Victoria issued by the Department of Land, Water and Planning (Office of Geographic Place Names). The rules emphasise the importance of compliance (which is legislated under the *Geographic Places Names Act 1998*) particularly with respect to public safety and easy identification of places for emergency services

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The Naming rules require compliance with 12 core principles:

- A. Ensuring public safety
- B. Recognising the public interest
- C. Linking the name to place
- D. Ensuring names are not duplicated
- E. Names must not be discriminatory
- F. Recognition and use of Aboriginal languages in naming
- G. Dual names
- H. Using commemorative names
- I. Using commercial and business names
- J. Language
- K. Directional names to be avoided
- L. Assigning extent to a road, feature or locality

The proposed road name Camerons Lane, Beveridge complies with the above principles.

4. CHARTER OF HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The rights protected in the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006* were considered in preparing this report and it's determined that the subject matter does not raise any human rights issues.

5. CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 This report does not create implications for children or young people.

6. ISSUES AND DISCUSSION

- 6.1 Renaming the unmade section of Minton Street, Beveridge is essential to ensure that Council meets the street naming guidelines as well as ensure our street naming is logical and does not cause confusion for access and travel, especially for emergency services. Based on the location and direction of other surrounding streets that join the unmade section of Minton Street, Beveridge the logical change is to rename the section to Camerons Lane, Beveridge.
- 6.2 Ensuring the name change is finalised prior to completion of the subdivision will mean that no properties would require future address changes.
- 6.3 This change will not affect existing numbering of the properties located on the existing Camerons Lane, Beveridge.

7. SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS (SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL)

- 7.1 This is an administrative process and does not have any environmental or sustainability implications.

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8. RISK IMPLICATIONS

Risk Ranking is determined using [ROHS201-G1- Corporate Risk Matrix](#). Risk is identified as Low, Medium, High or Very High.

| Risk | Risk Ranking | Proposed Treatments | Within Existing Resources? |
|--|--------------|---|----------------------------|
| If the change of name is not completed now the addresses provided will need to be altered in the future. | Low | Rename section of street. | Yes |
| Delay or confusion in locating addresses by emergency services. | Low | Rename section of street. | Yes |
| Community concerns with the outcome of the change and confusion as to the section to be affected. | Low | Ensure responses are sent to all submitters and appropriate advertising occurs. | Yes |

9. COMMUNICATION PLAN

9.1 On acceptance of this change request by the Office of Geographic Place Names, communication of the change will be completed through public notices in local newspapers and promoted through Council's website and social media channels. Letters will also be sent to directly affected properties and to each submitter.

10. NEXT STEPS

10.1 On adoption of this resolution, the change request will be submitted to the Office of Geographic Place Names for review and approval.

11. CONSULTATION

11.1 Council built awareness of the proposed road naming and invited feedback from the public using the following methods:

- Public notices in newspapers;
- Social media channels
- Letters to the immediate community (directly affected property owners/occupiers), emergency services and local service providers; and
- Promotion via Engaging Mitchell Shire website.

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All of the above methods provided at least 28 days to respond to the proposal.

- 11.2 Public consultation was undertaken with the community through Engaging Mitchell Shire to ensure that any concerns could be raised and identified. Eight submissions were received for the proposal. The majority of responses indicated that the change was necessary and supported. There were no responses that specifically objected against the proposal.
- 11.3 Of the responses, one illustrated confusion as to the section to be renamed; one did not address the proposal but highlighted other numerous street naming anomalies within the municipality; and, another identified an issue on the far eastern side of Minton Street, Beveridge where Minton Street, Beveridge becomes Beveridge Road, Beveridge at the point of the railway line (this concern is on the border of Mitchell Shire and City of Whittlesea). Whilst these concerns are not dealt with in this report, as they are separate matters, they have been noted and will be responded to.
- 11.4 All of the submitters will receive a response following the Council meeting in September.

12. FINANCIAL, RESOURCE AND ASSET MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

- 12.1 To affect the name change, Council is first required to notify the Office of Geographic Place Names, who have the discretion to refuse the name change.
- 12.2 If the name change is approved by the Office of Geographic Place Names, Council is required to install signage, notify all relevant authorities and publish the name change in the *Victorian Government Gazette*. These requirements will be met within existing operational budgets.

13. OFFICER DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

- 13.1 No officers involved in the preparation of this report have any direct or indirect interest in this matter.

14. CONCLUSION

- 14.1 The renaming of the unmade section of Minton Street, Beveridge is required to ensure ease of travel for owners and service providers and meets the obligations under the Naming rules for places in Victoria guidelines. Ensuring the change is made at this time will mean that properties being developed within the new subdivision will be issued with an address not subject to immediate change.
- 14.2 Council Officers are continually identifying other inconsistencies and issues with street naming and numbering within the Municipality and will continue to action these anomalies as quickly as reasonably practicable.

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Attachment 1 – Location of road proposed to be named Camerons Lane, Beveridge

