

**To: David Creery, Chief Administrative Officer**  
**From: Adam Cave, Manager of Municipal Infrastructure**  
**Re: William Street Renaming**

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### **AIM**

To rename William Street to William Lane in the City of Woodstock.

### **BACKGROUND**

Engineering staff have been receiving complaints from various stakeholders, including Canada Post and emergency services, regarding conflicting addressing involving William Street in the City of Woodstock and William Street in South-West Oxford (Dorland Subdivision).

### **COMMENTS**

In January 2024, as a response to the complaints surrounding the conflicting street names, Engineering staff circulated a stakeholder engagement notice to impacted property owners, utility providers and other applicable agencies. The notice indicated the city was seeking input to rename William Street and provided a response deadline of April 1, 2024, for feedback to be provided.

Initially, no comments were received from impacted homeowners. London CACC, Oxford County, Canada Post, MPAC, Bell and Enbridge responded indicating they have no concern with the proposal to rename William Street.

Due to the lack of response from impacted homeowners to the January 2024 notice, a subsequent notice was circulated in April 2024 requesting homeowners directly confirm receipt of the notice and provide any comments. A response deadline of May 31, 2024, was provided. Confirmation of receipt was acknowledged from four of the seven impacted properties with no substantive comments provided along with the acknowledgements of receipt.

Staff are recommending William Street be renamed William Lane.

Subject to council approval, the required notices will be circulated to stakeholders of the name change from William Street to William Lane. Impacted property owners will be notified of the necessary actions they are required to take.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

That City Council approve a street name change from William Street to William Lane and further that Council direct staff to circulate the necessary notices.

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