

## Request for Decision

### Dedication of a Bridge in Memory of Sergeant Frederick Davidson

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#### Resolution

WHEREAS Sergeant Frederick Davidson of the Sudbury Police Service was fatally wounded in the line of duty on July 11, 1937;

AND WHEREAS the Greater Sudbury Police Service, the citizens of Greater Sudbury, and the family of Sergeant Frederick Davidson wish to honour the sacrifice of this fallen peace officer;

AND WHEREAS the Highway Memorials for Fallen Police Officers Act, 2002 permits provincial highway bridges to be dedicated in memory of officers killed in the line of duty;

AND WHEREAS the Province of Ontario requires written consent from the local municipality as part of the approval process;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City of Greater Sudbury endorses the request of the family to dedicate the bridge at the structure for Wanup Pit Road on Highway 69 in memory of Sergeant Frederick Davidson, who was killed in service to the people of this City;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Davidson family; the Greater Sudbury Police Service; the Honourable Marie-France Lalonde, Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services; and The Honourable Glenn Thibeault, MPP for Sudbury.

#### Signed By

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**Division Review**

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**Financial Implications**

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**Recommended by the C.A.O.**

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#### Relationship to the Strategic Plan / Health Impact Assessment

This report refers to operational matters.

#### Report Summary

This report requests Council's written consent for the naming of a bridge in memory of Sergeant Frederick Davidson, pursuant to the Highway Memorials for Fallen Police Officers Act, 2002.

**Financial Implications**

There are no financial implications associated with this report

## **Background**

The City of Greater Sudbury has received a request from Chief of Police Paul Pedersen, written on behalf of the family of the late Sergeant Frederick Davidson. Chief Pedersen's letter is attached for the information of Council. The family is requesting that the bridge at the structure for Wanup Pit Road on Highway 69 be dedicated in memory of this Police Officer, who was killed in the line of duty on July 11, 1937.

The *Highway Memorials for Fallen Police Officers Act, 2002* requires that the Municipality in which the bridge is located provide written consent to the naming of the bridge.

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**Legal Services**

**SUBJECT: Highway Memorials for Fallen Police Officers  
Bridge Dedication in Memory of Sergeant Frederick Davidson**

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Mr. Labelle:

The family of the late Sergeant Frederick Davidson has submitted a request to have the bridge at the structure for Wanup Pit Road on Highway 69 be dedicated in his memory.

On July 11<sup>th</sup>, 1937 Sergeant Frederick Davidson attempted to question two men who were changing licence plates on a vehicle, when one of the men pulled a gun and fatally wounded Sgt. Davidson.

In accordance with the *Highway Memorials for Fallen Police Officer Act, 2002* we require written consent from the Municipality in which the signs are being installed. This is a very important initiative not only for the families but for this Police Service and our community.

If you should require any further information, please contact Ms. Natalie Corcoran at 705.675.9171, extension 2287 or via email at [natalie.corcoran@gsps.ca](mailto:natalie.corcoran@gsps.ca).

I look forward to a response to this matter at your earliest convenience.

Paul Pedersen  
Chief of Police

Encl.