



**City of Kingston  
Report to Rural Advisory Committee  
Report Number RAC-14-004**

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**To:** Chair and Members of Rural Advisory Committee  
**From:** Cynthia Beach, Commissioner, Corporate and Strategic Initiatives  
**Resource Staff:** Daniel Shipp, Sustainable Initiatives Coordinator, Corporate and Strategic Initiatives  
**Date of Meeting:** June 4, 2014  
**Subject:** Shannon's Corners / Glenburnie Hamlet Signage

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**Executive Summary:**

As directed to Staff by Council on November 19, 2013 this report provides members of the Rural Advisory Committee with further information regarding the demarcation and historical significance associated with Shannon's Corners located at the corner of Unity Road and Perth Road in relation to Glenburnie, and a recommendation on the appropriate hamlet signage for Shannon's Corners in accordance with the City of Kingston's Signage Policy for Municipal Rights-of-Way.

Shannon's Corners is recognized as an official hamlet in the City of Kingston Official Plan Schedule 3-B Land Use. This historic intersection at Unity Road and Perth Road resides within the larger, more commonly referred to hamlet of Glenburnie. Shannon's Corners currently has no identifying municipal signage. The larger community of Glenburnie has been signed for many years on the Unity Road and Perth Road right-of-way approximately one kilometre from the historic intersection. All residents and businesses residing in this area have a postal delivery address of Glenburnie.

Signing this hamlet as Shannon's Corners would be consistent with the City of Kingston Official Plan but inconsistent with the more familiar name of the community and with the Policy that intended to impart a collective sense of identity.

Shannon's Corners has some historical significance as a post office village named in honour of innkeeper Robert Shannon in the eighteen hundreds and would be consistent with the Policy guidelines for historic gateway signage.

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**Recommendation:**

**That** in accordance with the Signage Policy for Municipal Rights of Way, gateway hamlet signage replace existing hamlet signage in Glenburnie; and

**That** in accordance with the Signage Policy for Municipal Rights of Way, Council direct staff to prioritize Shannon's Corners for future budgets for signage recognizing historical villages and hamlets; and

**That** the renaming of the hamlet of Shannon's Corners to Glenburnie in the City of Kingston Official Plan be considered during the next five year review.

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**Authorizing Signatures:**

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY COMMISSIONER

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**Cynthia Beach, Commissioner,  
Corporate and Strategic  
Initiatives**

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

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**Gerard Hunt, Chief Administrative Officer**

**Consultation with the following Commissioners:**

Lanie Hurdle, Community Services

Denis Leger, Transportation, Facilities & Emergency Services

Not required

Jim Keech, President and CEO, Utilities Kingston

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**Options/Discussion:**

On July 17, 2012, Council approved the Policy for Municipal Rights-of-Way. The Policy directs the planning process as it relates to tiered municipal gateway signage within the City of Kingston and provides vision, principles and standards for design and locations. Within the framework of the Policy, a tiered approach was designed recognizing gateway signage, hamlet signage and heritage conservation district signage.

The Policy articulates that gateway signage is intended to serve as a welcome at a designated entrance point, and in many cases state the population of the city. The Policy guidelines recommend that gateway hamlet signage be permanently located on the right-of-way at major collector road intersections. The Policy recognizes that tier two hamlet signs are applicable for communities or villages that are both unrecognized and recognized hamlets in the City of Kingston Official Plan.

Subsequent to a Staff report to the Rural Advisory Committee on October 28, 2013, regarding recommended Gateway hamlet signage, the Rural Advisory Committee advised Council to direct staff to provide members of the Rural Advisory Committee with further information regarding the demarcation and historical significance associated with Shannon's Corners in relation to Glenburnie and a recommendation regarding signage.

The current City of Kingston Official Plan designates Shannon's Corners as a hamlet "located in the former Township of Kingston, at the intersection of Unity Road and Perth Road, and is part of the larger rural community of Glenburnie." This historic intersection is listed as part of the neighbourhood profile number two known as Elginburg / Silver Corners / Shannon's Corners. All citizens living in this area are recognized by Canada Post as having a Glenburnie postal code and delivery address. Shannon's Corners currently has no identifying signage. The larger community of Glenburnie has been signed on the Unity Road and Perth Road right-of-way less than a kilometre from the historic Shannon's Corners intersection for many years. Signing this hamlet as Shannon's Corners would be consistent with the City of Kingston Official Plan but inconsistent with the more familiar name of the community and with the Policy intended to impart a collective sense of identity.

With regard to the historical significance of Shannon's Corners, the Official Plan describes Shannon's Corners as a post office village located on part Lots 24 to 26, Concessions 5 and 6, Kingston Township. As reported to the Rural Affairs Committee on October 28, 2013, this intersection was originally named "Shannon's Corners" in honour of innkeeper Robert Shannon, and renamed Glenburnie possibly after a place near Newburgh, Fifeshire, Scotland in 1861. The village may also have once been called "Cole Hill" after a log school constructed there in 1835, which was replaced in 1845 by a stone school which doubled as a Presbyterian church, and then again in 1878 by a brick school. For a time, the village also contained a United Farmers' Society Hall, a Methodist church, and a cheese factory. In 1873, the population was approximately 300. No further historical significance was available. Shannon's Corners could be

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considered to have some historical significance consistent with the Policy guidelines for historic gateway signage.

**Existing Policy/By Law:**

The Signage Policy for Municipal Rights-of-Way adopted by Council on July 17, 2012 directs the planning process as it relates to tiered municipal gateway signage with Kingston. The Policy provides vision, principles and standards for design and locations for gateway and hamlet signs.

**Notice Provisions:**

None.

**Accessibility Considerations:**

None.

**Financial Considerations:**

Funding for the installation of hamlet signs was included in the 2014 operating budget approved by Council. There is no new financial impact associated with this recommendation.

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**Other City of Kingston Staff Consulted:**

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**Exhibits Attached:**

None.