

SOUTH WAIRARAPA DISTRICT COUNCIL

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AGENDA ITEM C9

NAMING OF ROADS AND RIGHTS OF WAY IN THE GOVERNORS GREEN SUBDIVISION, GREYTOWN

Purpose of Report

To obtain a decision on a recommendation by the Greytown Community Board to rename a portion of the road "Governors Green Drive" to Pierce Street.

Recommendations

Officers recommend that the Council:

1. *Receives the information.*
2. *Approves the name "Pierce Street", pursuant to section 319A of the Local Government Act 1974.*

1. Background

The developers of the "Governors Green" subdivision applied to name the road within their subdivision "Governors Green Drive". This road is an extension to what was previously a paper road named "Pierce Street". As there were no dwellings or businesses with Pierce Street, the request and decision was made to name the entire length of road "Governors Green Drive". This would be consistent with the Australian/New Zealand Standard for Rural and Urban Addressing (AS/NZS 4819:2011, section 4.4.2) which states "A single length of road shall have only one name".

After the road name was approved, the Greytown Community Board expressed concern that "Pierce Street" was removed as a road name and passed the following resolution at the 28 August 2013 Community Board Meeting:

"to recommend to Council that it initiates action to restore the name Pierce Street to the length of street stretching from West Street to the boundary of the area named Governor's Green".

South Wairarapa District Council is responsible for naming roads in the South Wairarapa, and it has the authority to name the ROWs pursuant to Section 319A of the Local Government Act.

2. Discussion

2.1 Legal Implications

The relevant documents for assessing the road name change are the Australian/New Zealand Standard for Rural and Urban Addressing (AS/NZS 4819:2011) and Council's Policy on Naming of Public Roads, Private Roads and Rights-of-Way (the Policy).

With respect to renaming part of the road to Pierce Street, Council's Policy (part 4.4.3) requires that a significant majority of the residents and owners along the road support the change. Council and the developer are the only property owners along the affected road. Consequently it is considered that they are the only affected owners.

The developer does not oppose the change of the portion of the road back to Pierce Street.

However, the Community Board recommendation would not be consistent with the Standard (AS/NZS 4819:2011) as it would create two road names for one continuous length of road. The road also intersects with Cotter Street. Therefore the portion of the road between West Street and Cotter Street could be considered distinct from the remainder of the road that extends into the Governor's Green development.

2.2 Financial Considerations

There are no financial implications for Council as pursuant to Section 4.2.6 of the Policy any costs associated with this road naming application are to be met by the developer/applicant.

3. Long Term Plan – Community Outcomes

The road name would retain value to the Greytown community. The heritage aspects of the township are considered of fundamental importance and the naming of a portion of the road back to "Pierce Street" is sympathetic to this.

4. Conclusion

Officers recommend that Council approves the renaming of the portion of road between West Street and Cotter Street to "Pierce Street". The name would retain the existing history of the area and would meet the community wellbeing outcomes in the Long Term Plan.

5. Appendices

Appendix 1 – Location Map Governors Green

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