

**TO:** CITY MANAGER 2001 May 28  
**FROM:** DIRECTOR PLANNING AND BUILDING OUR FILE: 15.601  
**SUBJECT:** OFFICIAL STREET NAMES FOR EXISTING THORN(E) STREET/AVENUE

**PURPOSE:** To seek Council approval to survey property owners, businesses and residents of Thorn(e) Street/Avenue regarding a proposal for the establishment of consistent and official street names for this street.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

1. **THAT** staff be authorized to survey property owners, businesses and residents of Thorn(e) Street/Avenue regarding the proposal outlined in this report for the establishment of consistent and official street names for the subject street.

**REPORT**

As part of the implementation of the street name change for portions of Marshland, Mandeville, and 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue to North Fraser Way, as authorized by Council on 2001 March 2, City crews replaced streets signs to reflect the new name as well as approach and directional signs on Marine Way. This work also involved the posting of a directional sign to local streets in the area including Meadow Avenue, Thorn Street, Trapp Avenue, Willard Street, Spur Road and Wiggins Street. Prior to posting the new signs, staff confirmed the official name for each of these local streets, particularly Thorn Street, given that this street is referenced in various sources as Thorn Street, Thorne Avenue, and Thorn Road.

Officially, this street is named "*Thorn Street*" in accordance with Bylaw #218 passed in 1917. It was formerly named Thorne Avenue in Bylaw #135 which changed its name from Thorn Road in 1912. The various versions of the name continue to be referenced. Given, however, that most property tax records reference *Thorne Avenue* for the property address, most businesses and residents in the area use this name.

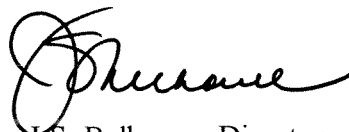
In addition to the use of various names, finding your way and providing directions to addresses on Thorn(e) Street/Avenue has been further confused by the fact that Thorn(e) Street/Avenue is discontinuous – divided by Marine Way on its northern alignment (Section A), and separated by Trapp Avenue and Spur Road on its southern alignment (Section B). See Figure 1, *attached*.

To resolve this matter, staff are proposing to rename the lower portion (Section B) of Thorn(e) Street/Avenue, which provides access to the G.V.R.D. Incinerator, to *Spur Road*. This proposal would establish a common name for the current alignment of Spur Road which continues onto the lower portion of Thorn(e) Street/Avenue. The upper portion (Section A) of Thorn(e) Street/Avenue is proposed to be renamed *Thorne Avenue*, on both sides of Marine Way, consistent with the current and past usage by existing property owners on this street. The current numerical addresses for properties would remain unchanged.

In developing this proposal, staff have contacted all the businesses that are currently addressed off of Thorn(e) Street/Avenue: Montenay Inc.(G.V.R.D. Incinerator), South Fraser Terminals (formerly BFI), Mundie's Towing, and Burnaby Distribution Centres. The remaining industrial properties on Thorn(e) Street/Avenue, south of Marine Way, are currently vacant or addressed from adjacent streets. Three businesses contacted are in agreement with the proposals outlined above. Staff were unable to illicit a response from South Fraser Terminals.

To confirm the proposed street name change for the southern section of Thorn(e) Street/Avenue to *Spur Road*, and the renaming of the northern section of Thorn(e) Street/Avenue to *Thorne Avenue*, staff propose to survey all the property owners, businesses, and occupants of property on Thorn(e) Street/Avenue.

Subsequently, a report on the results of the survey would be prepared for Council. With Council approval of official street names, staff would undertake to notify all property owners and occupants, as well as all internal City departments and external agencies such as emergency services, major utilities, and Canada Post of the approved names. This process would result in the correction of all official records and ensure the application of consistent street names in the area.



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Attachment

- cc: Director Engineering
- Director Finance
- City Clerk
- Director Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services
- City Solicitor

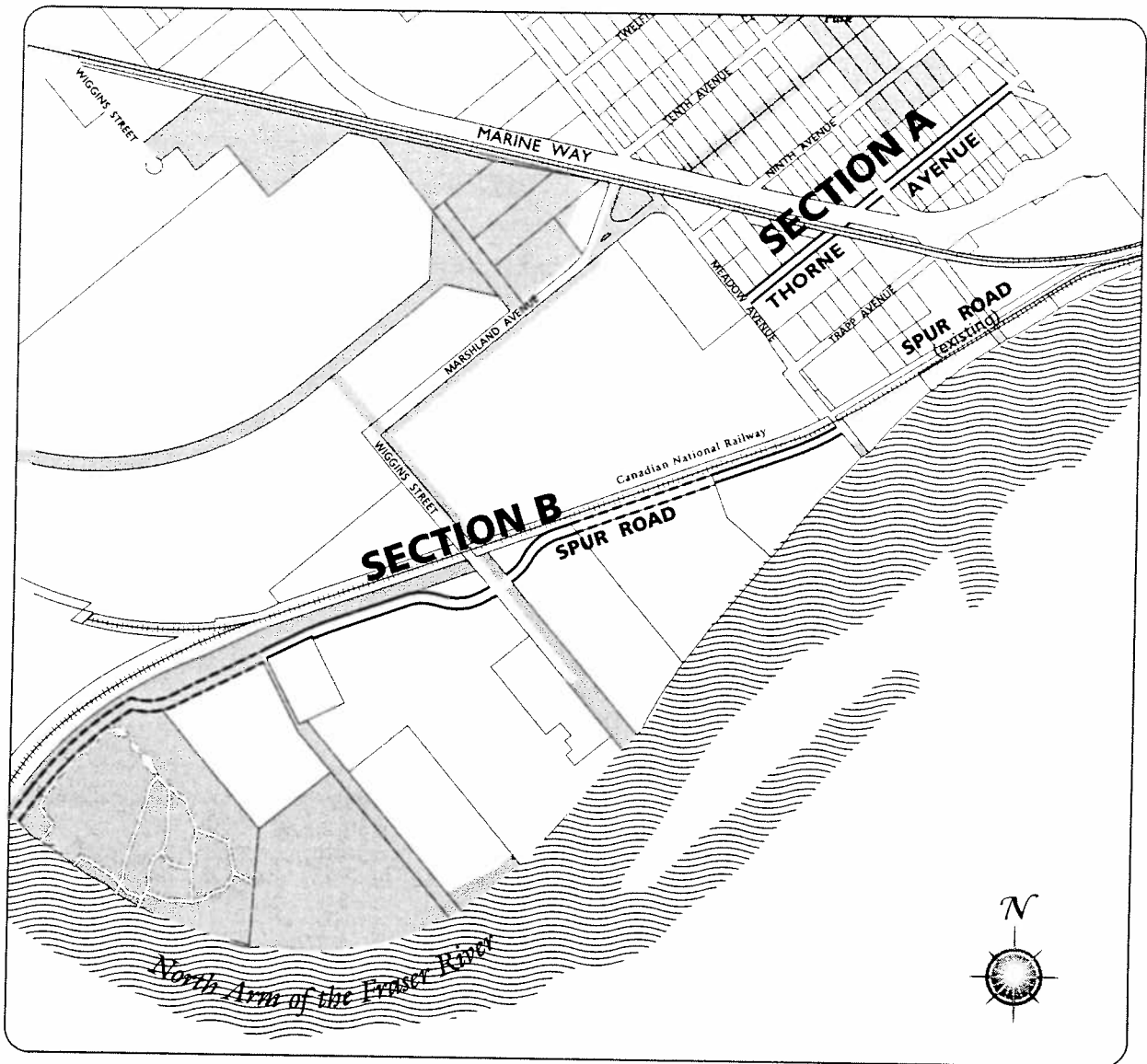


Figure 1

## Thorn(e) Street/Avenue

**SECTION A:** Change name to **THORNE AVENUE**  
(Presently Thorn(e) Street/Avenue)

**SECTION B:** Change name to **SPUR ROAD**  
(Presently Thorn(e) Street/Avenue)



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