

**TO:** CITY MANAGER 2001 June 29  
**FROM:** DIRECTOR PLANNING AND BUILDING OUR FILE: 15.601  
**SUBJECT:** STREET NAME CHANGE -THORNE AVENUE

**PURPOSE:** To seek Council approval to change the official name of Thorn Street to Thorne Avenue on its northern alignment and to Riverbend Drive on its southern alignment.

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

1. **THAT** the official name of Thorn Street be changed to Thorne Avenue on its northern alignment and to Riverbend Drive on its southern alignment, as outlined in this report.

**REPORT**

Council at its meeting of 2001 June 4 authorized staff to survey property owners, businesses and residents of Thorn Street regarding a proposal to change the official name of this street to Thorne Avenue on its northern alignment and to Spur Road on its southern alignment.

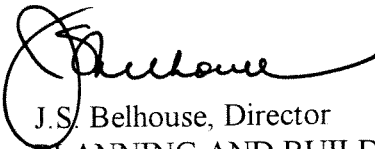
Staff received 22 responses to the 35 surveys distributed to property owners, businesses and residents of Thorn Street. Of the 22 responses received, 21 respondents agreed that Thorn Street should be renamed *Thorne Avenue* on its northern alignment consistent with current and past usage by existing property owners and occupants of this street.

Of the 4 industrial properties addressed from Thorn Street on its southern alignment, negative responses were received from two property owners and one occupant with regard to the proposal to apply the name of "Spur Road" to the southern alignment of Thorn Street. These respondents reported that the name "Spur Road" was not in keeping with the envisioned character of the area for redeveloping higher quality industrial uses, the environmental approach taken to converting waste to energy and recycling of waste materials at the incinerator, and the natural parkland character of Burnaby Fraser Foreshore Park at the terminus of Thorn Street.

In response to these comments, staff developed a number of alternative names for this street that would be more reflective of its location in Burnaby's Big Bend and proximity to the Fraser River. Staff recontacted the respondents on the southern alignment of Thorn Street with a proposal to rename this section of road to *Riverbend Drive*. The respondents expressed a strong preference for this name over the previously proposed "Spur Road".

As such, it is proposed that Thorn Street be renamed Thorne Avenue on its northern alignment and Riverbend Drive on its southern alignment as shown on Figure 1, *attached*. The name of the existing section of Spur Road, east of Meadow Avenue, would remain unchanged.

With Council adoption of the proposed street name changes for Thorn Street as outlined in this report, staff would undertake the required formal notification process to City departments, Canada Post, affected property owners/occupants and other agencies. The formal change to the affected street names and installation of required replacement street signs would take place on 2001 August 31.

  
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Attachment

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

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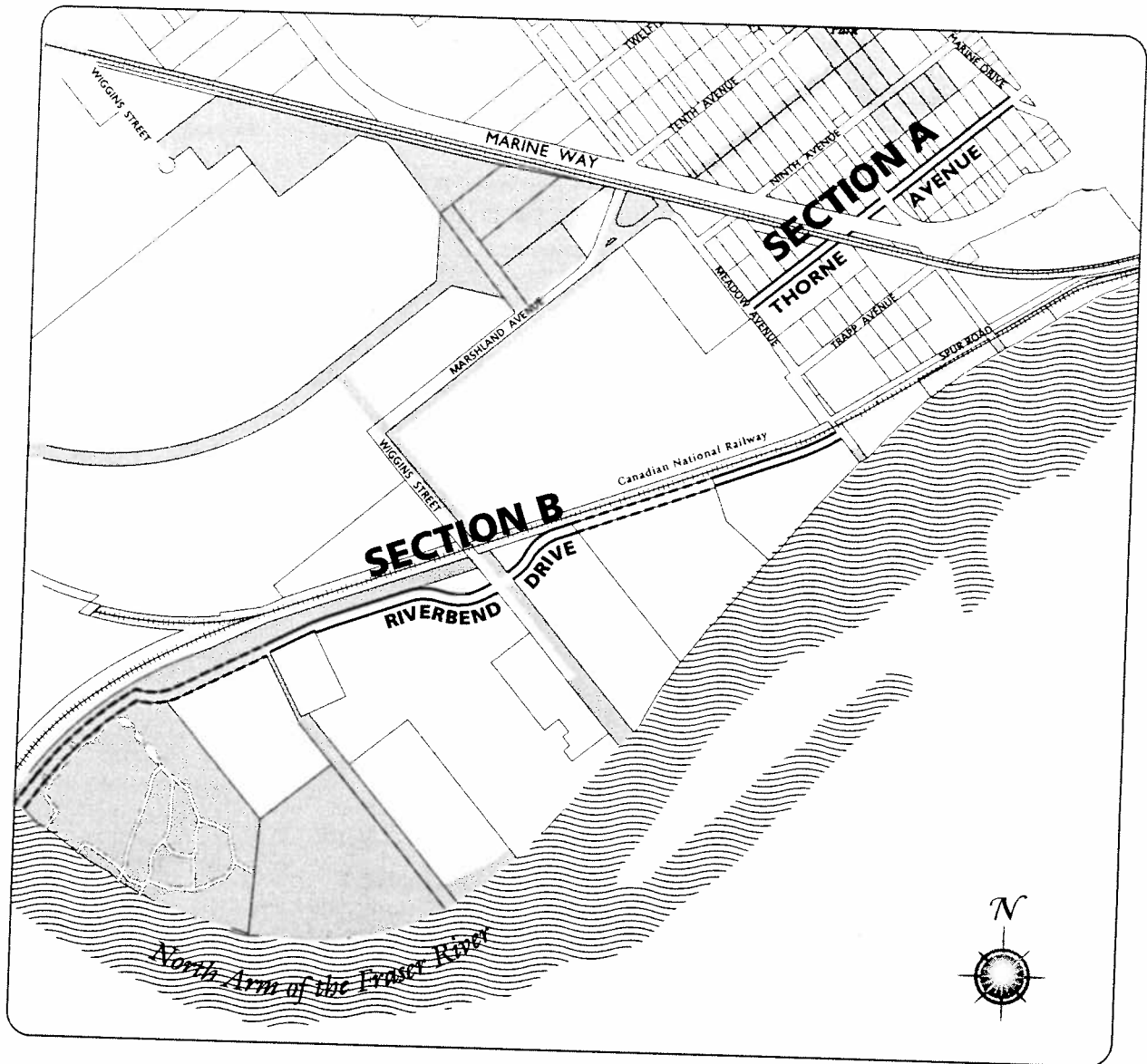


Figure 1

## Thorn Street

**SECTION A: Rename THORNE AVENUE**  
(Presently Thorn Street)

**SECTION B: Rename RIVERBEND DRIVE**  
(Presently Thorn Street)



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