

Looking at plaques, for the Sesquicentennial

Resident Donald McGugan has suggested that the Town recognize Bradford's Sesquicentennial year by renaming certain roads to reflect their historical significance.

McGugan approached the Bradford Sesquicentennial Committee in September, proposing that 10 Sideroad be renamed Middletown or Middleton Road – its historic name; the 8th Line be renamed Sir William Osler Line; 6th Line - Auld Kirk Line; and 5th Line, the Scotch Settlement Line.

"I think it's a great idea. We have these names

that don't mean anything, that have no historical significance," said Mayor Doug White. However, he expressed concern over the cost of officially changing the name of the roads, and potential confusion, both for residents and for emergency responders.

Instead, he suggested installing new plaques along the roads, identifying the historical significance.

Councillor Ron Simpson opposed renaming the Lines ("They're much easier to find when they have a number, not a name") but strongly supported

a program of providing plaques to recognize the municipality's original settlements, including the Auld Kirk, Mount Pleasant, Deerhurst, and Coulson's Hill. "All these places got forgotten," Simpson said. "When they went away from the small schools, all these (place names) got lost."

Councillor Peter Dykie Jr. also suggested plaques for Bradford's downtown, on heritage buildings. The information would be beneficial for walking tours, he said.

Council voted to ask staff for a further report.