





Subject: **Naming Unnamed Roads in Kirkpatrick Area**  
 Meeting Date: Tuesday, February 11, 2025  
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**STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT: (Check all that apply)**

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**RELEVANT LEGISLATION:**

**Provincial (cite)-** MGA Section 58(1)

**Council Bylaw/Policy (cite)-** Naming of County Roads Policy No. 5-19

**BACKGROUND/PROPOSAL:**

In Kirkpatrick, residents accessing off of two currently unnamed roads are addressed as highway 575, leading to significant confusion for emergency services and delivery operations. This confusion compromises the efficiency of service delivery and potentially delays emergency response, posing a risk to resident safety.

To resolve this issue and enhance the accuracy of location data, it is proposed to officially name these roads. The naming process adheres to the Kneehill County's Naming of County Roads Policy 5-19, which requires that any new road names be approved by council. As per policy guidelines, Council's approval is essential to ensure that the names are appropriate, do not duplicate existing names, and meet community standards.

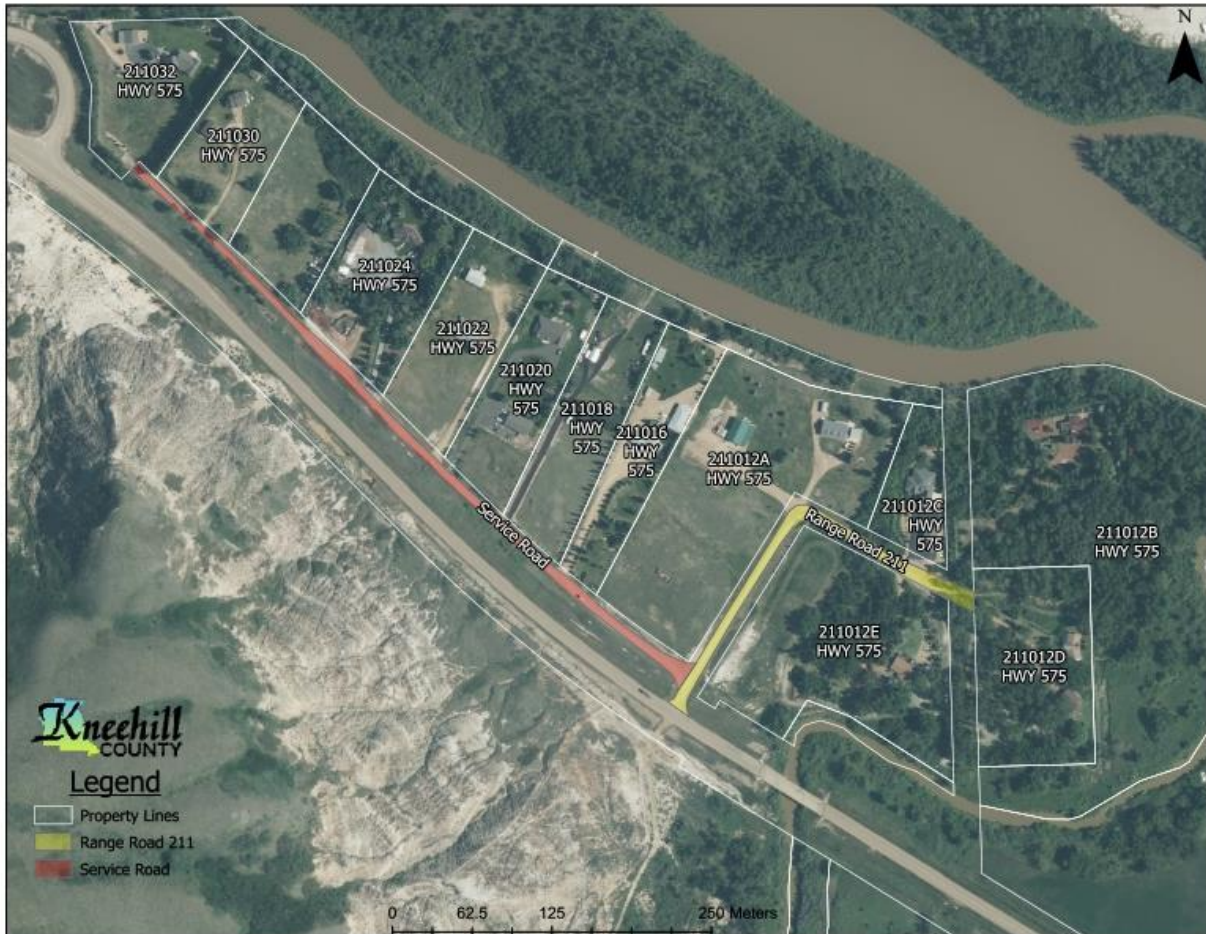
In alignment with this policy, letters were sent out to the residents of Kirkpatrick to involve them directly in the naming process. These letters requested suggestions for the road names, emphasizing the importance of their participation in enhancing the logistical and safety infrastructure of their community. The collection of suggestions from residents not only fosters community engagement but also ensures that the new road names reflect local heritage and values.

The following names and reasons have been submitted by residents through this process.

1. name: "Kirkpatrick"  
Reason: "in the vicinity of"
2. Name: "Kneehill Creek"  
"Access to rural residential properties"
3. Name: "Sacred Valley"  
Reason: "it would be nice to honor the valley, its beautiful energy and we are at the entrance to the valley from highway 575"
4. Name: "Red Deer River"  
Reason: "the road is along the Red Deer River"



- 5. Name: "Deer Valley Road"  
Reason: "All the deer's come down the road to get to the river"



Administration recommends renaming "Service Road" to "Kirkpatrick Close" and "Range Road 211" to either "Deere Valley Lane" or "Sacred Valley Lane." These proposed names are unique within Kneehill County and neighboring municipalities and are the most distinctive from the list of suggestions, minimizing the likelihood of duplication elsewhere. The recommended road names accommodate one suggestion from each of the two road name applicants.

### DISCUSSION/OPTIONS/BENEFITS/DISADVANTAGES/OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:

**Benefits:** Improved emergency response time, reduced confusion for deliveries, enhanced community identity.

**Disadvantages:** A change to residents' civic addresses will be required.

**Options:** Accept two of the resident suggestions, propose standardized names aligned with geographical or historical significance, or a combination of both.



**FINANCIAL & STAFFING IMPLICATIONS:**

Minimal; primarily costs associated with new road and address signs and updating County maps. Staff time will be required to process suggestions, install new signs, and update systems.

**RECOMMENDED ENGAGEMENT:**

Directive Decision (Information Sharing, One-Way Communication)

Tools:	Individual Notification	Other:	
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**ATTACHMENTS:**

- Package mailed to residents Jan 6, 2025.pdf
- 5-19 Naming of County Roads Policy.pdf

**COUNCIL OPTIONS:**

1. Approve two of the proposed names based on policy compliance and community feedback.
2. Request further consultation or modification of suggestions.
3. Determine alternate names
4. Reject proposal if deemed unnecessary after review.

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:**

That Council renames "Service Road" to "X" and "Range Road 211 to "X" adhering to the Naming of County Roads Policy No. 5-19, and authorizing the required public notice as well as the necessary updates to County maps and road signage.

**FOLLOW-UP ACTIONS:**

**Notification of Decision:**

- Selected road names will be published on the county website and in the local newspaper.
- Communicate Council's decision to all relevant stakeholders, including the residents of Kirkpatrick, emergency services, and delivery companies. A letter will be sent which will include a fridge magnet with the resident's new address ensuring they have the new address readily available in an emergency.
- Purchase new rural address signs and road name signs.
- Install signs, submit changed civic address data to AMDSP to make available to emergency services. Notify local PSAP & emergency services.

**APPROVAL(S):**

Mike Haugen, Chief Administrative Officer

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