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Street Name Inventory (Unused Names)

Name	Name Available	Category
Becker	Yes	Community Advocate
Bell	Yes	Early Doctor
Berczy	Yes	Historical
Bernachi	Yes	Community Advocate
Bezaire	Yes	Community Advocate
Burkhart	Yes	Community Advocate
Cozens	Yes	Community Advocate
Dewson	Yes	Early Doctor
Fisher	Yes	Early Doctor
Fox	Yes	Cenotaph
Gagnier	Yes	Community Advocate
Gibson	Yes	Community Advocate
Girty	Yes	Historical
Gordon	Yes	Historical
Grondin	Yes	Reeve
Hall	Yes	Community Advocate
Hertel	Yes	Community Advocate
Hobley	Yes	Early Doctor
Horsman	Yes	Historical
Hough	Yes	Historical
Inch	Yes	Reeve
Johnson	Yes	Veteran
Johnston	Yes	Historical
Kennedy	Yes	Community Advocate
Kolfage	Yes	Mayor
LaLiberty	Yes	Historical
Leggatt	Yes	Historical
Lukes	Yes	Reeve
Mailloux	Yes	Fire Chief
McEvoy	Yes	Mayor
McGee OR McKee (use one but not both due to similar sounding)	Yes	Historical
McNally	Yes	Historical
Menzies	Yes	Historical
Milligan	Yes	Early Doctor
Nattress	Yes	Mayor
Proudfoot	Yes	Early Doctor

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Rambout	Yes	Early Doctor
Simpson	Yes	Community Advocate
Sinasac	Yes	Reeve
Sparkman	Yes	Historical
Spearing	Yes	Community Advocate
Stone	Yes	Veteran
Sutherland	Yes	Community Advocate
Teeter	Yes	Early Doctor
Twomey	Yes	Mayor
Ware	Yes	Community Advocate
Wilson	Yes	Historical
Windell	Yes	Early Doctor

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Street Name Inventory – Associated Information for Each Name (Approved Sept 25, 2017)

The following are names and associated historical information for each name which was presented to Council, and approved by Council September 25, 2017, and which remain unused. (Except cenotaph name)

Name	Time Period in Amherstburg	Importance in Amherstburg
Berczy – William and Charles	1830s	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• William: Amherstburg merchant, came to Amherstburg in 1819, member of Legislative Assembly, artist with paintings depicting Amherstburg, paintings can be found in the National Gallery of Canada• Charles: 1831 appointed Postmaster of Amherstburg
Girty - Simon	1741-1818	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Worked at the Indian Department at Detroit• With British help he tried to defend Native Lands in the American Revolutionary War• Agent serving under Colonel McKee• He was not able to fight in the War of 1812 due to sickness, but his two sons fought. Thomas Girty was killed in the war• Veteran of the American Revolutionary War
Gordon – Lewis Grant and James	1812, 1833-1853	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• James: arrived in Canada in 1805, Lieutenant in the 1st regiment of the Essex Militia in the War of 1812, acquired Gordon House from John Milns• Lewis Grant: Amherstburg Merchant, brother of Honourable James Gordon, was conveyed the Gordon House from James Gordon
Horsman - William	1867-1990	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Innkeeper and owner of the White Horse Hotel on Murray Street• Owner of a liquor store in 1877• Owned the hotel until his death in 1900• He helped build the steam propeller the Earl Cathcart and shipped on her as a fireman• He sailed on the Mohawk and the Manhattan in the Lake Superior Trade and was employed as the second engineer on the first railway passenger ferry boat between Detroit and Windsor
Hough - Franklin	1903 (died 1946)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Original owner of 258-264 Dalhousie Street• Practiced law for over 50 years in Amherstburg• Mayor of Amherstburg from 1907-1909
Johnston - William	1856-1888	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Druggist• Came to Amherstburg in 1856 to apprentice in the drug business, had stores in Detroit, first began opening stores in Amherstburg in 1877

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		<p>(likely inventor/owner of Johnston's Extract of Sasparilla and Johnston's Electric Oil)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He purchased Belle Vue from Reynolds in the 1860s
LaLiberty – Jean Babtiste	1824-1856	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amherstburg business man who started out as a carpenter and lumber and stave merchant • Proprietor of the Liberty Hotel for many decades • He was one of the elected trustees of the Grammar School Board • Died in 1856
Leggatt – John H.C.	1860-1911	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Became heir to the LaLiberty estate at 7 years old in 1860 • Became Clerk of the Second Division Court in 1880, became Town Clerk in 1889, resigned in 1911 to take employment in Windsor
McKee - Alexander	1735-1799	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deputy agent in the Indian Depart (Fort Malden was the headquarters for the British Indian Department) • Lieutenant-colonel of the local militia in the 1780s • Justice of the Peace of the Court of Common Pleas for the District of Hesse 1788 • Member of the District Land Board 1789 • Lieutenant for the County of Essex 1792 • Owned land in Malden Township • Veteran of the American Revolutionary War
McNally - Arthur	After WWI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Formed the Amherstburg Historic Sites and Monuments Association
Menzies – Peter	1850s	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worked at the Dry Goods store corner of Murray and Dalhousie • Councillor for the Town of Amherstburg on the Essex County Council (1854)
Sparkman - John	1799	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Barrack Master of the Garrison • Served in the military from 1776, 1784 appointed Barrack Master at the garrison at Detroit, continued in this capacity at Amherstburg
Wilson - George	1837-1883	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrived in Amherstburg in 1837 • Found employment with the commissariat department • Managed the shipyard that built the Cuthbert • One of the major advocates of bringing the Canada Southern Railway to Amherstburg

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Past Mayors of Amherstburg

Name	Years Mayor	Comments
William H. McEvoy	1889, 1890, 1891, 1892, 1897	Born in Belleville in 1853, W.H. McEvoy came to Amherstburg in 1876 to take over Robert Kay's jewellery business and quickly became involved in the business life of his adopted community. McEvoy sold his jewellery line from the old post office store on the east side of Dalhousie Street, in the building which became known as Goldsmith's Hall. As well as being the agent for the telegraph, ferry and railway companies that serviced Amherstburg, McEvoy awarded the franchise to install the first incandescent lighting system in Amherstburg in 1894.
John Gerhard Kolfage	1878, 1881	In a close race against Michael Twomey, J.G. Kolfage was elected Amherstburg's first mayor when the town was incorporated in 1878. Kolfage had been an active participant in municipal affairs since 1851 when Amherstburg first attained a separate municipal status. An immigrant from Germany, Kolfage settled in Amherstburg in 1837 at the age of 18. By trade a shoemaker, he eventually became the owner of a large tannery and a general store and hardware business. Kolfage also owned property on the south side of Murray street, west of Ramsay street, then in the heart of Amherstburg's business district. The devastating fire of 1875 destroyed these properties and in 1877 Kolfage erected the brick building on the southwest corner of Ramsay and Murray streets known as 'Kolfage Block'
Samual McGee	1883, 1884, 1885	S. McGee was born in 1834 in Malden Township. He operated a general store in Amherstburg from 1857-1926, having taken over the business established by his father in 1828. Until his retirement at the age of 88 McGee participated actively in the community as a town councillor, reeve, justice of the peace, member of the fire department and director of the library board.
John Gallagher Mullen	1893, 1894, 1896	Born in Ireland in 1848, John G. Mullen moved from Cleveland, Ohio in 1873 to manage the docks of the McDowell, Caul and Brett Company in Amherstburg. During this period a coal supplied earned substantial profits because all the steamships on the Great Lakes burned coal for fuel. Mullen proved to be a very able manager. In 1875 he bought the Amherstburg coal docks from his employers. Over the years, coal docks owned by Mullen were also established at Cleveland and Sandwich. John Mullen, a well-known philanthropist, remained involved in the coal business until his death in Amherstburg in 1930 deprived the community of a highly respected and well-liked citizen.

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William Nattress	1950, 1951, 1952, 1953	William Nattress lived in Amherstburg all his life. He was the son of Reverend Thomas Nattress who was the minister of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church for many years. Nattress served in the Royal Flying Corps in World War I. He was employed as a stationary engineer at Brunner Mond where he formed a union for the engineers and was also active in union affairs when he later worked for Seagram's. Nattress had a long career in municipal government service. He was elected as town councillor four times, as deputy reeve twice and served on the Public Utilities Commission.
Michael Twomey	1879, 1882, 1886, 1887	Born in Kingston in 1825, Michael Twomey came to Amherstburg in 1865. After working briefly for distiller John McLeod, Twomey established himself as a general merchant, acquiring considerable real estate and dock property in town as his business prospered. After serving his last term as Amherstburg's mayor in 1887 Twomey moved to Windsor where he was elected mayor in 1889. He died in that city in 1911.

Town of Amherstburg Reeves

1924, 1925 – W.C. Inch

1927, 1928 – Leo Grondin

1933, 1934, 1935, 1936 – A.B. Lukes

1945, 1946, 1947, 1948, 1949, 1950, 1951, 1952, 1953, 1954 – F.E. Sinasac (deputy reeve in 1934, 1935, 1936, 1937, 1938)

Early Doctors of Amherstburg

- Dr. Windell – 1818
- Dr. Andrew Fisher – 1859 First medical superintendent of the Asylum
- Dr. Milligan – 1872 Medical superintendent of the Asylum
- Dr. Rambout – 1851 – examined pensioners
- Dr. Alfred K. Dewson – 1837, helped set up a public school system in Amherstburg, practiced in Amherstburg 1843-1853
- Dr. Proudfoot – practiced in Amherstburg starting in 1885, had an office on Gore Street, he sold his practice to Dr. William Park
- Dr. Forest F. Bell – 1870s, practiced until 1897
- Dr. Oscar Teeter – purchased the practice off of Dr. Bell in 1897, was mayor for one term in Amherstburg
- Dr. Thomas Hopley – born 1849 in Amherstburg, had an office on Sandwich Street

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- Dr. R.H. Abbott – born near Kingston, first came to Amherstburg around 1910, served as a medical examiner for WW1 recruits, also held the rank of Colonel

Cenotaph Names

The name “Fox” was missed for inclusion in the 2017 update of the Street Name Inventory, and will be promoted for use as soon as possible. Until 2005 there was a “Fox Road” which then changed to concession Road 3. At the time, Council made a resolution to add the name of “Fox” to the Street Name Inventory for priority use.

Fox	<p>Private Orville L. Fox (1893-1917)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• son of Esrias and Hattie Fox of Amherstburg• Grew up and resided in Amherstburg and worked as a machinist• served in World War I as a Private with the 87th Battalion• died at the battle of Vimy Ridge (April 9, 1917)• Private Fox is listed on a special memorial section at the Givenchy-en Gohelle Canadian Cemetery in Calais, France as his body was never recovered.• <p>Corporal Russell Fox (1893-1917)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Son of William and Isabelle Fox of Amherstburg• Grew up and resided in Amherstburg and worked as a dredge and drill work• served in World War I as a Corporal with the 87th Battalion• died from injuries at the battle of Vimy Ridge (d. April 22, 1917)• Corporal Fox is buried at the Wimereux Communal Cemetery in Calais, France
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Street Name Inventory Addition – Associated Information for Each Name (Approved January 24, 2022)

The following are names and associated historical information for each name which was presented to Council, and approved by Council January 24, 2022, and which remain unused. Resolution 20210322-099

Name	Details
Becker	<p>Dr. Norbert (Norm) Becker (1944-2021)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• An engineer, well-known for his volunteer contribution to Amherstburg projects by donating his time, expertise and materials to assist churches, non-profit organizations and community groups• Donated his service and championed the restoration in 1999-2000 of the Nazrey African Methodist Episcopal Church, now part of the Amherstburg Freedom Museum. “Without him, the church would not be standing” - Amherstburg Freedom Museum

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Name	Details
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Was instrumental in the 2011-12 rebuilding of the Boblo Island Blockhouse (Bois Blanc National Historic Site), donating his time and reconstruction materials. Also donated service on work to Boblo Island Stone Circle and Sailors Monument • Donated services to rehabilitate other Amherstburg historic sites including First Baptist Church National Historic Site (2013); St. John the Baptist Church; and Navy Yard Park
Bernachi	<p>Harold (1930-2011)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Charter Member of the Fr. Louis Boue Assembly of the Knights of Columbus; Honorary Life member of the Knights of Columbus Amherstburg Council • Amherstburg Lions Club member since 1969 and President 1994-95 • Member of the Amherstburg Chamber of Commerce since 1963, and President 1982-84 • Honourary member of the AAM Volunteer Ambulance Service since 1970 having converted two hearses into ambulances in his body shop • Trustee of General Amherst High School • Member of the Anderdon planning Board for 8 years • Vice-Chairman of the HMS Detroit Committee • Certificate of Merit for Community Service – Government of Canada 1988 – for helping to raise \$40,000 to purchase the first Care-A-Van for Amherstburg • Guest columnist Amherstburg Echo • Amherstburg Citizen of the Year in 1988
Bezaire	<p>Elizabeth Bezaire (1926-2007)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Taught school in the Amherstburg area for many years and was an active member at St. John The Baptist Church • Charter member of the IOTA Chapter of Alpha Delta Kappa honorary sorority for female educators • Was a dedicated member of the R.C.L. Br. 157, being active with the Poppy Fund and Colour Party • Was the 1st female president elected at Branch 157 (1997-1998)
Burkhart	<p>Rev. John Burkhart (1937-2021)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minister of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church 1964-2001 • Chaplain of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 157 • A committed champion of local history, he was a founding board member of the Amherstburg Historic Sites Association (1973), and a later president; member of Amherstburg's Local Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee • A founding board member of the AAM Social Planning Council (1973) • Served as first Chairman of Essex County Housing Authority • Amherstburg Citizen of the Year in 1993, jointly with wife Shirley Burkhart <p>Shirley Burkhart (1940-2018)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Information Officer with AAM Community Services (Social Planning Council) for at least 13 years

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Active in St. Andrew's Presbyterian church for decades helping with nursery and Sunday school among other service • Weekly "Edenburg" columnist in the Echo newspaper • Amherstburg Citizen of the Year in 1993, jointly with husband Rev. John Burkhart
Cozens	<p>Reginal Cozens (1912-2005)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Principal of General Amherst School 1962-69; Superintendent of Essex secondary Schools 1972-74; county school Superintendent 1974-78; School Board member for Essex County • President of Ontario Teachers Federation and Ontario Secondary Schools Teachers Federation • Amherstburg Town Councillor (10 years) • active member/ volunteer in the following organizations: Masons (55 years); Amherstburg Rotary Club (President); Royal Canadian Legion branch 157, Canadian Cancer Society first President Wessex Unit, 1973), AAM Food Bank, Fort Malden Horticultural Society • Anglican Church lay reader • Amherstburg Citizen of the Year in 1992, jointly with wife Mary <p>Mary Cozens (1917 – 2001)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Long-time volunteer of the Red Cross starting in World War II, and with the Canadian Cancer Society (25 years) • Helped to found and develop the AAM Food Bank in 1987 • Volunteered with Meals-on-Wheels program and the "Thursday Club" weekly meal service at the United Church • Amherstburg Citizen of the Year in 1992, jointly with husband Reginald
Gagnier	<p>Sister Marie Celine (Elodia Julie) Gagnier (1906-2004)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Served the Ursuline Community, starting as a homemaker in the McGregor and Amherstburg areas in 1926; spent countless hours visiting and caring for ailing tri-community senior citizens • Spiritual Advisor, Executive Council Columbian Ladies Auxiliary (1995-96) • Amherstburg Citizen of the Year 1996
Gibson	<p>Florence Gibson (1902-83)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Purchased the former Michigan Central Railways station in 1969 and donated it to the Fort Malden Guild of Arts and Crafts for use as a gallery and cultural centre • Amherstburg Citizen of the Year 1979
Hall	<p>Mary Hall (1913-2009)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volunteered throughout her life • Served during World War II as a registered nurse caring for soldiers on troop trains • Was heavily involved with the Canadian Cancer Society - Windsor Essex Chapter as President (1960-65); Supervisor (1965-78; 1984-99); Chairperson (1978-85)

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Was a member of the first Board of Directors for the Amherstburg Historic Sites Association in 1973 • Oversaw restoration of Christ Church (1982-85) • Awards and honours include: Amherstburg Bi-centennial Citizen of the Year (1996); Year-of-Volunteer Medal, United Nations (2001); the Queens Golden Jubilee medal (2002); and Eli Golden humanitarian award from Rotary International (2005)
Hertel	<p>Paul Hertel (1945-2020)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - History and Social Sciences teacher and department head at General Amherst School for 32 years - supported fellow teachers as branch president of Ontario Secondary School Teachers Federation leader (OSSTD), multiple terms with the OSSTD Political Action Committee and working with Windsor & District Labour Council. Also helped develop local history curriculum and led student council activities - Amherstburg Town councillor in 1977-84, and as Deputy Reeve in 1979-82. On Council, championed urban renewal, sustainable development and heritage conservation, and specifically the Kings Navy Yard Park redevelopment - Founding member of the North American Black Historical Museum (Amherstburg Freedom Museum). Also a leading member and director of the Amherstburg Performing Arts Society (President & Founding member), The Gibson House Gallery, Art in the Park, Amherstburg Family Health Team (President), Essex County Citizens Against Fermi II. - Member of the Amherstburg Heritage Committee - President Belle Vue Cultural Foundation; active member of Friends of Belle Vue, and Belle Vue Conservancy
Johnson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jennie Johnson (1871-1962) • Grew up in Amherstburg and by 1905 was a registered nurse working in Detroit • In 1917, at the age of 46, she was accepted for overseas service in British hospitals • Was the only local woman to serve at the front during WWI • In 1919 Jennie Johnson received a gold medal along with fifty Amherstburg servicemen for having “seen active service in France or at the front”
Kennedy	<p>Murray Kennedy (1918-2015)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local businessman – owner of Kennedy Motors for 30 years • Served in World War II with the Royal Canadian Air Force • Helped to start the Amherstburg Kinsmen in 1956 • Until 1997, Chairman and key supporter of Project HMS Detroit, an initiative to build a replica of the HMS Detroit battleship to be built as an attraction to celebrate Amherstburg’s rich maritime history • Soloist and choir member of the Amherstburg United Church for 74 years • Named Amherstburg Citizen of the Year in 1991
Mailloux	<p>Melvin Mailloux (1920- 2002)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amherstburg fire chief, 1968-1990
Spearing	<p>Harry Spearing Jr. (1913-89)</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supervisor at Allied Chemical; Former Ferry Boat Captain to Boblo Island • In 1931 he rescued a person from the Detroit River near the Amherstburg marine docks • Became president of the Horticultural Society in 1937 • In 1938 he joined the fire department rescue squad and in 1945 became chief of the Amherstburg Fire Department Rescue Squad • Charter Member and first Chief of the A.A.M. Volunteer Ambulance Service in 1962. Donated financially to run and maintain the vehicles. • Chairman of Malden Public Utilities Commission
Stone	<p>Frances Stone (1924-1999)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Veteran of WWII, having served in the R.C.A.F. Women's Division • Director of the Amherstburg, Anderdon and Malden Social Planning Council (A.A.M. Community Services) in the mid 1970s – 1989. The organization brought local access to social services. Frances helped the organization through its formative years and numerous expansions including Meals on Wheels and Care-A-Van service for senior and special needs citizens. • Was a member of the Amherstburg Historic Sites Association for many years
Simpson	<p>Melvin Simpson (1917-1982) and Betty Simpson (1925 -2014)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The North American Black Historical Museum and Cultural Centre (now Amherstburg Freedom Museum) is the legacy of founders, Melvin and Betty Simpson • In the early 1960s the Simpsons developed a vision for a museum to “uncover and preserve the record of the rich heritage Black people have, making it available for the positive development of the Black Community and for the general educational benefit of all” • In 1966 the Simpsons and others developed plans to construct a Centennial museum adjacent to the Nazery African Methodist Church. The museum was incorporated in 1975 and opened in 1981 • In 1982 the Town of Amherstburg recognized the Simpson's work to promote Black history with the presentation of a plaque • Melvin was also on the Board of Directors for the House of Shalom • Betty served on the museum's board of directors for many years • Betty received the Government of Canada's “Canada 125” medal in 1993 • The Simpsons were jointly named Citizen(s) of the Year in 1982
Sutherland	<p>Charles (Bob) Sutherland (1920-2005)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Long-time executive at Uniroyal Canada • President of the Amherstburg Chamber of Commerce • Initiated the Amherstburg Garden Tour (1985) and the A.A.M Rhododendron committee. He became known as “Rhodo Bob” with a plaque recognizing his contributions in King Navy Yard Park • Helped develop the Kings Navy Yard Park and received recognition by Council resolution of his service in 2003

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Director and member of the Executive Committee of Project H.M.S. Detroit• Named Amherstburg Citizen of the Year in 1989
Ware	Rev. John Francis Ware, C.B.S. (1925-1995) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Served St. John the Baptist Parish 1969-1987• Founder of the House of Shalom Youth Centre 1971• Amherstburg Citizen of the Year 1986