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Dear Mr. Phillips:

RE: Signage Commemorating Veterans

Thank you for your letter requesting consideration to place Veterans Highway route makers along Highway 16A from the junction of Highway 16 to the Edmonton west city limits. As a result of this request, and similar requests from other areas in Alberta, a review of provincial highway and road naming practices has been completed. This took some time and I am now able to provide the following information.

Veterans are extraordinary Canadians who deserve our respect and admiration. In 2005, to honor veterans, the Alberta government dedicated Highway 36 from Warner to Lac La Biche as the Veterans Memorial Highway.

Although it may seem simple to install additional signing along the highway, there are many issues associated with maintaining operational consistency on highway route maps and with roadway signing. As you are aware Highway 16A is also known locally as Parkland Highway. Giving highways dual names and having multiple highways with similar names can cause motorist confusion and therefore is avoided.

For the reasons noted above, it is recommended that consideration be given to finding another way to honour veterans in your area. Attached is a copy of Alberta Transportation's recommended practices for Naming Highways in Urban Areas for your consideration. I encourage you to review and discuss the recommended practice with the Town of Stony Plain and the City of Spruce Grove and determine road naming options which meet the goals of the municipalities.

If you develop alternatives that might impact area highways, please contact me at 780-968-4217.

Thank you for contacting the department in regards to this important matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Holly Will".

Holly Will, Senior Operations Technologist
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Attachment

The word "Alberta" in a stylized, cursive script font, followed by a small blue square.

Government of Alberta ■ Transportation	NAMING OF HIGHWAYS IN URBAN AREAS		Issued: FEB 2012
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RECOMMENDED PRACTICES	PART	HIGHWAY SIGNS	
	SECTION	GUIDE AND INFORMATION	
	SUB-SECTION		

General

To personalize or promote a sense of community within their jurisdiction, some urban municipalities may choose to give names to provincial highways passing through their community.

This guideline applies only to highways passing through the corporate limits of towns and villages. It does not apply to connector highways passing through cities, which are under municipal control. It also does not apply to trade corridor highways and ring roads within cities, which are under provincial control.

Guidelines for Use

To qualify for local highway naming, the proposed highway name must be officially designated through a motion passed by the municipal council. Departmental approval of the proposed naming is required to ensure the applicant meets these guidelines.

Municipalities must submit an application for local highway naming to the nearest Alberta Transportation district office (a listing is available at the website below):

<http://www.transportation.alberta.ca/Content/docType329/Production/distaddress.pdf>.

The extents of locally named highway sections must be contained within the corporate limits of the urban municipality.

Dual naming is not permitted. If a highway already has a designated name under the Provincial Highway Naming Program or an inter-provincial/federal agreement, then it is not eligible for another or alternate name.

If approved, signs indicating the local highway name though a town or village will only be permitted on street name blades located at the corners of intersections. The proposed street name blade design must be submitted by the municipality with their application, and must be acceptable to the department.

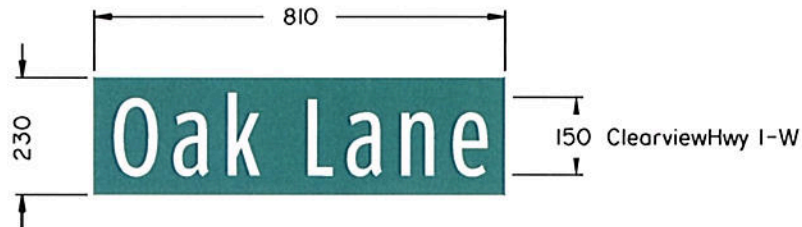
An example of acceptable street name blade signs is shown in Drawing TCS-A4-445A, Typical Street Name Sign. However, municipalities are free to custom design their street name blades with preferred font, size and decorative elements.

Local highway names will not be included on the official Alberta Road Map. For this reason, the local highway name will not be permitted on highway destination/directional guide signage or on overhead street name signage at signalized intersections. If a community desires local name trailblazer signs, they must be designed to department standards and placed such that they do not interfere with the visibility of other traffic control devices. Local highway names may be published on municipal road maps if desired.

References to Standards

<i>Highway Guide and Information Sign Manual</i>	TCS-A4-445A, Typical Street Name Sign
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All dimensions shown are in millimetres
except when otherwise noted.



SIGN DETAILS (TYPICAL)

- LETTERS:** 150 mm ClearviewHwy 1-W
- BORDER:** None
- COLOUR:** Message - White
Background - Varies
Border - None
- SUBSTRATE:** Minimum 19 mm High Density Plywood, or minimum 2 mm Flat Aluminum (similar to typical urban street address signs).
- SIGN FACE:** Type III High Intensity Retro - Reflective Sheeting
Double - sided sign face for viewing in two directions (similar to typical urban street address signs).
- SUPPORTS:** 100 mm x 100 mm Pressure Treated Wood Post or Approved Steel Post (similar to typical urban street address signs).
- PLACEMENT:** Positioned in the corner areas of where the highway right - of - way boundary meets with municipal street.
- One sign in each of the diagonal quadrants such that the sign is on the near side while travelling on the highway.

Note:

The design must be approved by Alberta Transportation.

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TYPICAL STREET NAME SIGN			
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