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Hello City of Gustavus: At the City Council General Meeting on September 21st, it was suggested to rename the “Hydro Road” to “Dick Levitt Way” in recognition of the hard work and accomplishments Mr. Levitt made to our town. However, the “Hydro Road” is not a City road. It is a private road, essentially owned and maintained by AP&T. The City can only name roads that belong to, or are maintained by the City. In addition, the City policy and procedure for naming roads discourages naming roads for people. Many other municipalities outright prohibit it. We refer to the road as the “Hydro Road” because it is a descriptive, neutral, and non-divisive designation. The lower portion of the road is in a limited hydro facility access easement crossing several private undeveloped tracts owned by various individuals. The upper portion of the road is on State land leased to AP&T. The City has no rights or authority within the limited, non-public easement.

Thank you to Mr. Kunat for suggesting this recognition, but the City will not be pursuing the suggestion. Perhaps a privately-funded commemorative monument or plaque, approved by AP&T, at the hydro road Y or scenic overlook would be fitting recognition

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