

July 15th, 2024

**Re: Naming Request Submission
Town of Pelham**

To. Clerk of Town of Pelham
CC. Mayor Junkin

My name is Beverly Stirtzinger Lovejoy, and I am a life-long resident of Fonthill. Over the years, I have noticed more and more of the streets & parks of our beautiful village being named for many of our local and historic families, yet none have been named after one of the earliest and influential families of Pelham – **the Stirtzinger Family**.

My ancestor, John Stirtzinger, came to Fonthill in 1826 and received a 200 acre land grant from Queen Victoria to start a farm. He married Julia Slough and had 16 children – many of whom married Haists, Hanslers, and other early settlers. My grandfather (also John Stirtzinger) moved to Fonthill from Ridgeville in 1926, buying the old Hansler house and farm on Canboro Rd, where I grew up.

John L Stirtzinger did many good works in Fonthill including being Chairman of the School Board in the early 1960s and was very instrumental in having Glenn A. Green School built (formerly Thorold- Fonthill High School), so that Fonthill would have its own high school. He was also instrumental in the building of the Fonthill Baptist Church in downtown Fonthill. However, being a Baptist also meant not wishing to be recognized for his good works in name and the family originally declined the naming of the now Glenn A. Green School in his honour.

His son & my father, Cecil Stirtzinger, was a well-known farmer and builder in town. Along with farming 3 fruit farms, he also built many of the homes on Daleview Crescent & Drive. He also built the lovely apartment buildings at the corner of Pancake Lane and South Pelham Street & on Haist Street. He was known as the first quality subdivision builder in Fonthill.

His sister, Marjorie Stirtzinger, was an influential educator in the village and principal of A. K. Wigg School for 19 years. She was also the Organist and Choir Director of over 50 years for the Fonthill Baptist Church and well known and respected in the Town.

My request is that you consider adding the name **Stirtzinger** to your list of naming options for a future street, park, or other options available in our wonderful village of Fonthill.

Thank You

Sincerely,

Beverly Stirtzinger Lovejoy