

Naming of Private Lane at 111 Barber Greene Road - Don Parkway

(City Council on August 1, 2, 3 and 4, 2000, adopted this Clause, without amendment.)

The North York Community Council recommends the adoption of the following report (July 13, 2000) from the City Surveyor, Works and Emergency Services; and that the private lane at 111 Barber Greene Road be named Cora Urbel Way:

Purpose:

This report provides additional information on the proposed naming of the private lane at the residential development at 111 Barber Greene Road.

Financial Implications and Impact Statement :

There are no financial implications resulting from the adoption of this report. The estimated costs of \$300 for the street name signs are to be paid by the developer.

Recommendations :

It is recommended that:

- (1) North York Community Council authorize the use of one of the names in this report for the proposed private lane at the residential development at 111 Barber Greene Road; and
- (2) 1324937 Ontario Limited, operating as Dunbury Homes, be required to pay the costs estimated to be in the amount of \$300, for the fabrication and installation of street name signs; and
- (3) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

Background :

The North York Community Council at its meeting of March 23, 2000, deferred the report (March 1, 2000) concerning the Naming of the Private Lane at 111 Barber Greene Road – “Dunbury Way”, in order to obtain clarification from the Fire Chief and City Surveyor, Works and Emergency Services, respecting the conflicting comments about the proposed name for the private lane.

The North York Community Council at its meeting of May 2, 2000, also deferred the report (May 1, 2000) from the City Surveyor, Works and Emergency Services, providing additional comments on the proposed name ‘Dunbury Way’ for the said private lane.

The North York Community Council also reports, for the information of Council, having requested the City Surveyor, Works and Emergency Services, to prepare a further report setting forth the names of suitable individuals who have made a contribution to the Don Mills community, and recommending an appropriate name in consultation with the property owner and the Don Mills Ratepayers Association.

Comments:

Ken Dunsmore of Don Mills Residents Inc. (the Don Mills Ratepayers Association) and Edith Geduld of the North York Local Architectural Conservancy Advisory Committee (LACAC) were asked to provide names of suitable individuals who have made a contribution to the Don Mills Community.

Mr. Dunsmore submitted the following name:

Cora Urbel - former President of Don Mills Residents Inc., from January 1989 to February 1995, who passed away in 1999.

Mrs. Geduld submitted the following names of early settlers in the area:

1. James O’Neil
2. Alex Milne
3. John Taylor

Toronto Fire Services have no objection to the use of the names Cora Urbel, James O’Neil or Alex Milne to identify the private lane. Fire Services does not support the name John Taylor as it is too phonetically similar to John Tabor Trail in the former City of Scarborough.

PMG Planning Consultants, representing Dunbury Homes, have indicated that their client is opposed to having the name ‘Dunbury Way’ changed. The letter stating their position is outlined in Attachment No. 1.

In view of the foregoing, it may be appropriate for your Community Council to authorize the use of one of the suggested names for the private lane.

Conclusions:

The suggested names Cora Urbel, James O’Neil and Alex Milne are not duplicated in the City of Toronto and can be used to identify the private lane at the townhouse development at 111 Barber Greene Road.

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Attachment No. 1

Letter dated June 2, 2000 from Julius De Ruyter, PMG Planning Consultants to the City Surveyor, Works and Emergency Services

Re: Naming of Private Lane at 111 Barber Greene Road

We act as planning consultants to 1324937 Ontario Limited, the Owners of the above noted property. You called me to determine, through consultation with my client, whether they would be prepared to consider an alternative name to the approved name Dunbury Way. In specific, you requested that we consider the name Cora Urbal Way, named after a deceased resident of the Don Mills Community. We respond as follows:

On August 27, 1999, I wrote to the City of Toronto to request the name Dunbury Way be assigned to the private lane. This almost one year ago. In a reply letter from the Director, Community Planning, North District, dated September 29, 1999 the name Dunbury Way was approved and the numbers 5 through 27 were assigned to the units. Building permit applications were made and issued based on the municipal addresses assigned, being 5 – 27 Dunbury Way.

Our client is opposed to having the name changed. The following are some reasons in support of our position:

1. The name has already been approved by the City.
2. Building Permits have been issued based on the assigned street name and numbering.
3. Both Ward Councillors Gordon Chong and Denzil Mennan-Wong have indicated no objection to this name.
4. Your Staff Report dated march 1, 2000 recommended approval of this name.
5. The name is not duplicated in the City of Toronto.
6. While Toronto Fire Services expressed some concern with the name, your Staff Report continued to support it.
7. The Staff Report noted that the change of the street name at this late stage would cause considerable hardship to the developer and building occupants. We agree.

8. The Staff Report notes that City Council lacks jurisdiction over the naming of private streets and lanes. In any case, the Staff Report also notes the absence of policy recommending against the use of similar sounding street names.

We therefore request that the name Dunbury Way be retained.

A recorded vote on the Recommendation, moved by Councillor Minnan-Wong, Don Parkway, was as follows:

FOR: Councillors Valenti, Li Preti, Moscoe, Berger, Feldman, Flint, Filion, Minnan-Wong

AGAINST: Nil

ABSENT: Councillors Mammoliti, Augimeri, Gardner, Chong, Shiner, King

Carried.