

June 11, 2007

Chair and Members,
Etobicoke York Community Council

Re: Naming of Proposed Public Streets at 115 Torbarrie Road

SUMMARY:

At the Council meeting before the November 2006 election, Council passed without debate Clause 44 of Etobicoke York Community Council Report 7, which recommended the following:

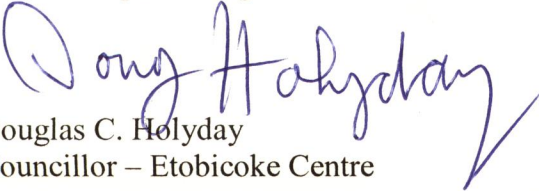
- (1) a street be named Fred Young Drive in the Torbarrie Road subdivision
- (2) subject to the granting of an exception to the policy of avoiding the naming of streets after living persons, the remaining streets in the Torbarrie Road subdivision be named Jorma Palomaki Terrace, Sergio Marchi Street, Leila Jackson Terrace and Judy Sgro Avenue

This action was taken even though Council's street naming policies were violated in two ways and even though two of the streets were recommended against by Emergency Services staff because these names could result in increased response times in the event of an emergency.

Furthermore, local residents, particularly those purchasing the new homes, have indicated their displeasure with these names and have indicated that as more properties are purchased they will be enlisting the support of all purchasers to have these street names changed.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Etobicoke York Community Council recommend to City Council that this decision be reversed, in order to avoid greater cost and undue anxiety in the future, and that a public meeting be held at the next meeting of the Etobicoke York Community Council to allow for public deputation on the matter.


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