



## STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

### Naming of Proposed Streets at York University

<b>Date:</b>	March 13, 2006
<b>To:</b>	North York Community Council
<b>From:</b>	Wally Kowalenko, City Surveyor
<b>Wards:</b>	Ward 8
<b>Reference Number:</b>	P:\2007\Cluster B\TEC\ ny07012

#### SUMMARY

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This staff report is about a matter for which the community council has delegated authority from City Council to make a final decision, provided that the staff recommendation is not amended so that it varies with City Policy or by-laws.

This report recommends that, subject to City Council approval, the names Hackett Avenue, Jack Evelyn Wiggins Drive and Saywell Avenue be approved for three proposed streets at the York University subdivision.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

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The City Surveyor recommends that, subject to City Council granting an exception to its policy of avoiding the naming of streets after living persons:

- (1) the names Hackett Avenue, Jack Evelyn Wiggins Drive and Saywell Avenue, be approved for use in the York University subdivision; and
- (2) the appropriate City Officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

#### FINANCIAL IMPACT

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There are no financial implications resulting from the adoption of this report.

#### ISSUE BACKGROUND

We have a request from Tribute Communities (1815 Ironstone Manor, Unit 1 Pickering ON L1W 3W9) to name nine proposed streets for the subdivision at the York University Lands, as shown on Attachment No. 1. The proposed names have been suggested by Tribute Homes, York University and Councillor Perruzza.

The proposed names Boake Street, Boot Terrace, Sheffer Terrace and Troyer Avenue recognize former settlers to the area. The name Elia Lane refers to the name of the former hamlet located at Keele Street and Finch Avenue West.

The names Applebaum Terrace, Hackett Avenue and Saywell Avenue have been suggested to recognize important members from York University. Tribute Homes has received approval to use the names.

The name Jack Evelyn Wiggins Drive has been suggested by Councillor Perruzza to recognize the contributions of Jack and Evelyn Wiggins to the local community. Additional information is outlined in Attachment No. 2.

The City of Toronto Street Naming Policy approved by City Council at its meeting held on August 1, 2, 3 and 4, 2000 (Clause 9, Report 15 of the Works Committee), states that:

- (1) Streets should generally be named after people, places, events and things related to the City and the citizens of Toronto. Proposed names should meet one of the following criteria
  - (a) to honour and commemorate noteworthy persons associated with the City of Toronto;
  - (b) to commemorate local history, places, events or culture;
  - (c) to strengthen neighbourhood identity;
  - (d) to recognize native flora, fauna or natural features related to the community and the City of Toronto; or
  - (e) to recognize communities which contribute to the ethno-racial diversity of Toronto.
- (2) Consideration should be given to names of local area or historic significance.
- (3) Names of living persons should be used only in exceptional circumstances.

## **COMMENTS**

The proposed names have been circulated for comment, and are acceptable to Police, Fire and Emergency Medical Services. The North York Preservation Panel has no objection to the proposed names, but has noted streets should be named after living persons only in exceptional circumstances.

Six of the nine proposed names, Applebaum Terrace, Boake Street, Boot Terrace, Elia Lane, Sheffer Terrace and Troyer Avenue, conform with Council's street naming policy

as the names commemorate local history and honour and commemorate noteworthy persons associated with the City of Toronto. In accordance with Council policy, the City Surveyor has been delegated authority to approve the use of the proposed street names, under the current circumstances, pursuant to Clause 9, Works Committee Report 15, adopted by City Council on August 1, 2, 3, 2000.

The remaining three names commemorate noteworthy living persons. Based on the biographical summaries set out in Attachment No. 2, and subject to the concurrence of City Council, the naming of the streets as Hackett Avenue, Jack Evelyn Wiggins Drive and Saywell Avenue, could be considered exceptional and approved for use in the subdivision at York University.

Notices to name the streets, under the *City of Toronto Act, 2006*, will be given in accordance with the notice requirement set out in Chapter 162-3A of the City of Toronto Municipal Code.

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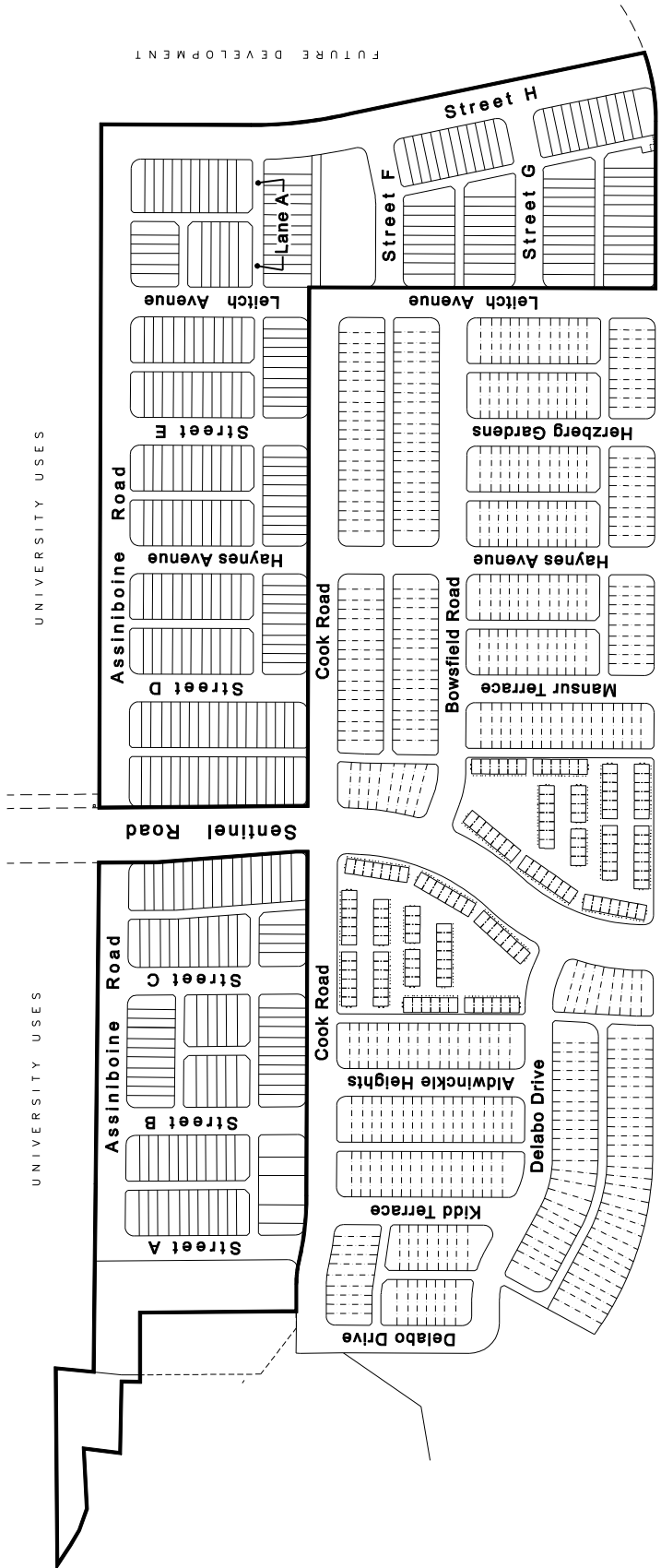
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W. (Wally) Kowalenko  
City Surveyor

## **ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment No. 1 – Map  
Attachment No. 2 – Background Information

Attachment No. 1



Murray Ross Parkway

- Street A - Boot Terrace
- Street B - Troyer Avenue
- Street C - Sheffer Terrace
- Street D - Boake Street
- Street E - Hackett Avenue
- Street F - Applebaum Terrace
- Street G - Saywell Avenue
- Street H - Jack Evelyn Wiggins Drive
- Lane A - Ella Lane



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## Attachment No. 2

### Names Not Conforming to Council Policy

Hackett – (Arthur Hackett) Arthur Hackett was a director of the YMCA and vice president of William R. Orr Co. Hackett and was interested in establishing a second university in the Toronto region. He served on the Organizing Committee of York University in 1958-1959 Vice Chairman of Founding Organizing Committee.

Saywell – (John Tupper Saywell) – John Saywell (born 1929) is a Canadian historian specializing in the fields of politics and constitution. Born in Weyburn, Saskatchewan, Saywell received his B.A. and M.A. from University of British Columbia and his Ph.D. from Harvard University. He taught at University of Toronto from 1954 to 1962. He joined York University in 1963 and was Dean of Arts at York from 1963 to 1973. Saywell retired from all teaching responsibility at York University in 1999.

Jack and Evelyn Wiggins - Jack Wiggins immigrated to Downsview, Ontario from England in 1955 and Evelyn Wiggins was born in Toronto in 1932 and moved to Downsview in 1969. Mr. and Mrs. Wiggins have dedicated their lives to serving the community. They have been recognized on several occasions for their work with community organizations and volunteering. Please see below selected highlights of works, positions and awards:

- Commemorative medal and plaque for a lifetime of volunteer service from Lieutenant Governor of Ontario Recipient of the "Canada 125th Jubilee Award".
- President of the Canadian Society of Cardiology Technologists For Canada For Ontario. Evelyn Wiggins practiced as a Cardiology Technologist throughout her working life.
- St Philip Neri Church Volunteer 6 days/week Mailings - 1200 letters every 2 months
- Founding and Active member of the Roding Community Centre Seniors Clubs
- Communications and complete mailings Active members of Neighbourhood Watch Program
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Applebaum – Louis Applebaum C.C. (April 3, 1918 - April 19, 2000) was a Canadian composer, administrator, and conductor. He was born in Toronto, Ontario. He composed music for numerous films. He was nominated for an academy award for his score of the 1945 film, The Story of G.I. Joe. He was Executive Director of the Ontario Arts Council and Vice-President of the Canadian League of Composers. He was the first music director of the Stratford Festival. His fanfares have opened every performance since the Festival started in 1953. In 1976 he was made an Officer of the Order of Canada and was promoted to Companion in 1995. He taught at York University for many years.

Boake – (John Boake) Pioneer settler whose land bordered York University.

Boot – (John Boot) Key settler in the York University region.

Elia - Former hamlet located at Keele Street and Finch Avenue West.

Sheffer (Mary) - Key settler in the York University region

Troyer - Key settlers in the York University region