



## STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

### Naming of Public Lane – Anne Rawson Lane

<b>Date:</b>	June 11, 2007
<b>To:</b>	North York Community Council
<b>From:</b>	Wally Kowalenko, City Surveyor
<b>Wards:</b>	Ward 16
<b>Reference Number:</b>	P:\2007\Cluster B\TEC\NY07024

#### 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 name “Anne Rawson Lane” be approved to identify the public lane between Fairlawn Avenue and St. Germain Avenue, immediately west of Yonge Street.

#### 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 public lane located between Fairlawn Avenue and St. Germain Avenue, immediately west of Yonge Street, be named “Anne Rawson Lane”; and
- (2) the appropriate City Officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto, including the introduction of a naming by-law.

#### 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 Kristy Duncan, chairperson of the Fairlawn Neighbourhood Centre, to name the public lane between Fairlawn Avenue and St. Germain Avenue, immediately west of Yonge Street, after Anne Rawson. The Fairlawn Neighbourhood

Centre is located at 28 Fairlawn Avenue and abuts the lane to be named, as shown on Attachment No. 1.

Anne Rawson is the Executive Director of the Fairlawn Neighbourhood Centre (FNC), which is celebrating its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of operation in 2007. The mission of FNC is to provide non-denominational, educational opportunities for personal wellness and growth in a caring, dynamic and community-focused way that celebrates and values of all members of the community. Since the inception of FNC in 1996, Anne has worked tirelessly to make an incredibly positive impact on the community. Additional information is outlined in Attachment No. 2.

## **COMMENTS**

The proposed name has been circulated for comment and is acceptable to Police, Fire and Emergency Medical Services. Ward Councillor Karen Stinz has indicated to the Fairlawn Neighbourhood Centre that she supports the naming proposal. The North York Preservation Panel has commented that Ms. Rawson has provided services that merit recognition; however, naming a lane after a living person is not consistent with Council policy.

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 in part 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.

The proposed name commemorates a noteworthy living person. Based on the biographical summary set out in Attachment No. 2, and subject to the concurrence of City Council, the proposal could be considered exceptional and approved for use in identifying the public lane.

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## **SIGNATURE**

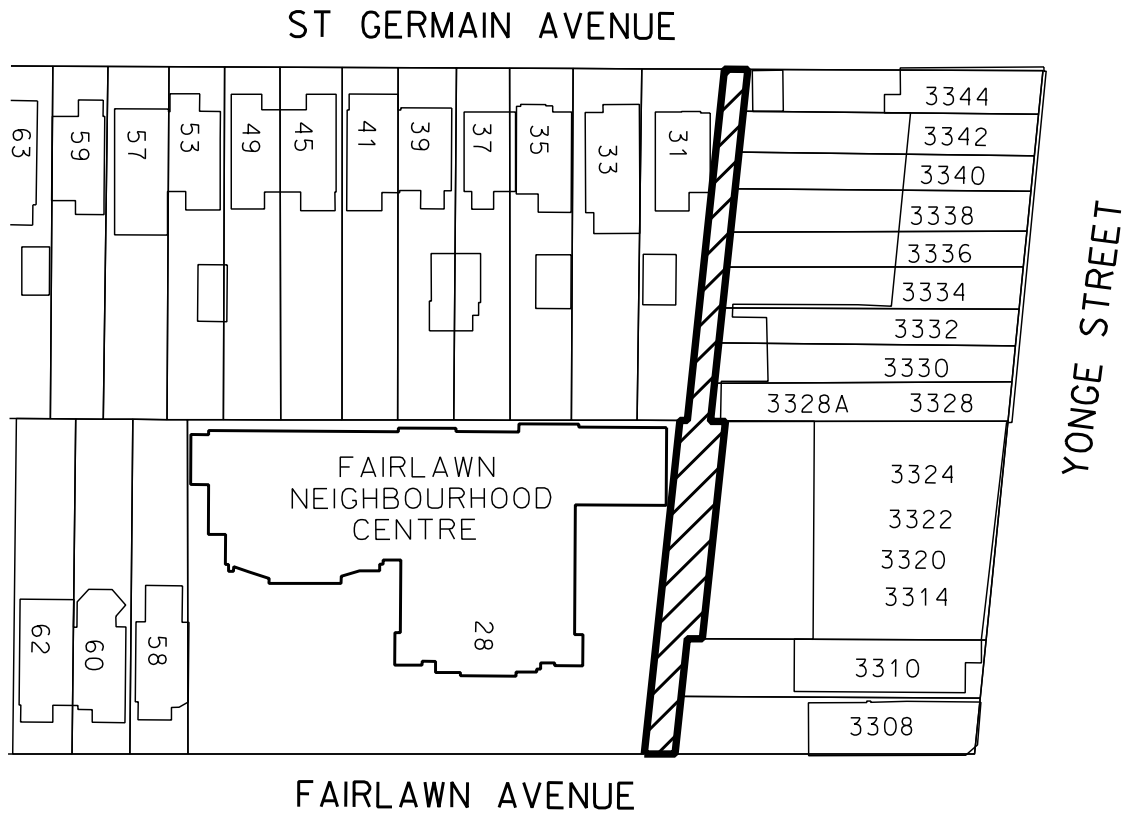
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City Surveyor

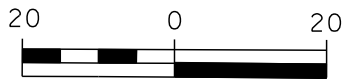
## **ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment No. 1 – Map

# Attachment No.1



PUBLIC LANE TO BE NAMED "ANNE RAWSON LANE"



CITY OF TORONTO  
SURVEY AND MAPPING SERVICES  
WARD 16 JUNE 7, 2007  
ANNE RAWSON.DGN MAP: 50M-13  
FILE: 1902.22.16 DRAWN: B. HALL

## Attachment No. 2

*Letter from Kristy Duncan, P. Eng., Chairperson, Fairlawn Neighbourhood Centre, dated April 16, 2007:*

On behalf of the board of directors of Fairlawn Neighbourhood Centre, I am writing to submit a request to name an alley, as yet unnamed, which runs north-south between Fairlawn Avenue and St. Germain, immediately west of Yonge Street. We would like to name it Rawson Way.

### Background

Anne Rawson is the Executive Director of the Fairlawn Neighbourhood Centre (FNC), which is celebrating its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of operation in 2007. The mission of FNC is to provide non-denominational, educational opportunities for personal wellness and growth in a caring, dynamic and community-focussed way that celebrates and values of all members of the community.

Since the inception of FNC in 1996, Anne has worked tirelessly to make an incredibly positive impact on the community. Some highlights of Anne's work include:

- Built the FNC annual membership close to 2,500 members, plus over 100 volunteers and numerous talented instructors, all of whose participation at FNC gives them a sense of community and belonging
- Develop an extensive array of dynamic programs and workshops, including:
  - Pre-school and youth programs
  - Fitness programs
  - Adult education programs
  - One-time workshops
  - Outreach programming to other communities
  - Drop-in programs
  - Community events
  - Spearheaded a number of events with the Yonge-Lawrence Business Improvement Area (BIA), including a community Art Walk which has become an annual event
  - Developed and raised funding for mural walk- a project to beautify the north/south alley immediately west of Yonge and South of Melrose
  - Developed and raised funding for music outreach programming for less fortunate communities in the Toronto area
  - Responds to community needs by organizing ad hoc events such as the Tsunami fund-raiser, and the police presentation on childhood safety
  - Organized numerous clothing drives for less fortunate members of the Toronto Community
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I trust you will concur with our recommendation that Anne Rawson's ongoing contributions to our community are worthy of a street naming in her honour.