

STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Naming of Private Lane at 744 Duplex Avenue

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To:	North York Community Council
From:	Wally Kowalenko, City Surveyor
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SUMMARY

This staff report is about a matter for which the community council has delegated authority from City Council to make a final decision.

This report recommends that the private lane at 744 Duplex Avenue, be named "Snider House Lane".

RECOMMENDATIONS

The City Surveyor recommends that:

- (1) the private lane at 744 Duplex Avenue Road, be named "Snider House Lane";
- (2) the property owner pay the costs, estimated to be in the amount of \$300.00, for the fabrication and installation of a street name sign; and
- (3) 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

There are no financial implications resulting from the adoption of this report. The estimated costs of \$300.00 for the street name sign are to be paid by the property owner.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

We have a request from the property owner at 744 Dupont Avenue, to name the private lane that provides access to the historic home known as the "Snider House".

The City of Toronto and the Province of Ontario have recognized the Snider House for its historic and architectural significance. Since its settlement in 1803, only a few families have owned this property, originally part of a 210 acre Yonge Street farm.

Built in 1828, the Snider House is believed to be the oldest private home in Toronto and the only surviving Yonge Street Loyalist farmhouse in the city.

COMMENTS

The proposed name "Snider House Lane" has been circulated for comment and is acceptable to Councillor Karen Stintz, the North York Preservation Panel, Police and Fire Services. Emergency Medical Services do not support the name as there is an existing street named "Snider Avenue".

The name conforms with item 1 (b), Criteria For Name Selection, as set out in City Council's Street Naming Policy – "to commemorate local history, places, events or culture".

Notices to name the lane, 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. The property will have its address changed to include the name "Snider House Lane," following enactment of the naming by-law.

The proposed name "Snider House Lane" is consistent with 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) and should therefore be approved for identifying the private lane. The use of the full name "Snider House Lane" should help to distinguish it from the street named "Snider Avenue".

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ATTACHMENTS

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