



## STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

### Naming of Private Lanes at 115 Torbarrie Road

<b>Date:</b>	August 24, 2007
<b>To:</b>	Etobicoke York Community Council
<b>From:</b>	Wally Kowalenko, City Surveyor
<b>Wards:</b>	Ward 7
<b>Reference Number:</b>	P:\2007\Cluster B\TEC\ EY07033

#### 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 the proposed private lanes at the residential development at 115 Torbarrie Road, be named “Joseph Griffith Lane” and “Jim Baird Mews”. Naming the lanes will facilitate the identification of the proposed units fronting thereon.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

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The City Surveyor recommends that, subject to City Council authorizing an exception to its policy of avoiding similar sounding street names:

- (1) the proposed private lanes at 115 Torbarrie Road, be named “Joseph Griffith Lane” and “Jim Baird Mews”;
- (2) EGF Associates pays the cost, estimated to be in the amount of \$1,800.00, 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, 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. The estimated costs of \$1,800.00 for the street name signs are to be paid by the applicant.

## ISSUE BACKGROUND

We have a request from EBF Associates (1226 Larny Court, Mississauga, ON L4W 3N4) representing The Conservatory Group, to name the private lanes at the residential development at 115 Torbarrie Road, as shown on Attachment No. 1. Naming the lanes will facilitate the identification of the units fronting thereon. The names “Joseph Griffith Lane” and “Jim Baird Mews” have been suggested by the Emery Village BIA.

Joseph Griffith was an Irish immigrant who along with his two brothers, Matthew and Thomas, and brother-in-law Abraham Welsh settled in the area west of Jane (on the current Oakdale development site). Joseph was the first to purchase the land and farm that land in the Oakdale area. He built a house made out of stone hauled from the Black Creek, with eleven rooms. Between the years 1823 and 1878, these brothers owned about 1,000 acres of land. Joseph Griffith also founded the Orange Lodge, a meeting place.

Jim Baird was involved in local hockey for over 50 years and was President of the North York Hockey League for 21 years. The Jim Baird Memorial International Tournament held every year at the Downsview Arena is named in his honour, in recognition of the tireless effort he provided for the betterment of youth and this tournament. The Baird family concur with the naming proposal.

The proposed names have been circulated for comment and are acceptable to Councillor Giorgio Mammoliti, the Etobicoke York Preservation Panel, Police and Fire Services. Police Services do not support Joseph Griffith, as there are existing streets that begin with Joseph. Emergency Medical Services do not support either name as there are existing streets named Arthur Griffith Drive, Griffith Street and Baird Avenue.

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. Street names being a duplicate of an existing street in the City of Toronto or in the municipalities surrounding Toronto shall be avoided.
2. Similar sounding names such as Beach Avenue and Peach Avenue, or Apple Hill Road and Apple Road should be avoided.

The names “Joseph Griffith Lane” and “Jim Baird Mews” are not duplicated in Toronto or in the municipalities surrounding Toronto. The use of the full name “Joseph Griffith” with the street type designation “Lane” and the name “Jim Baird” with the street type “Mews” should help to distinguish it from other streets which use the names “Joseph”, “Griffith” or “Baird”.

The names conform with item 1 (a), Criteria For Name Selection, as set out in City Council's street naming policy – "to honour and commemorate noteworthy persons associated with the City of Toronto".

Notices to name the lanes, 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.

Based on the circumstances stated above, and subject to City Council authorizing an exception to its policy of avoiding similar sounding street names, the proposed names "Joseph Griffith Lane" and "Jim Baird Mews" could be approved to identify the private lanes.

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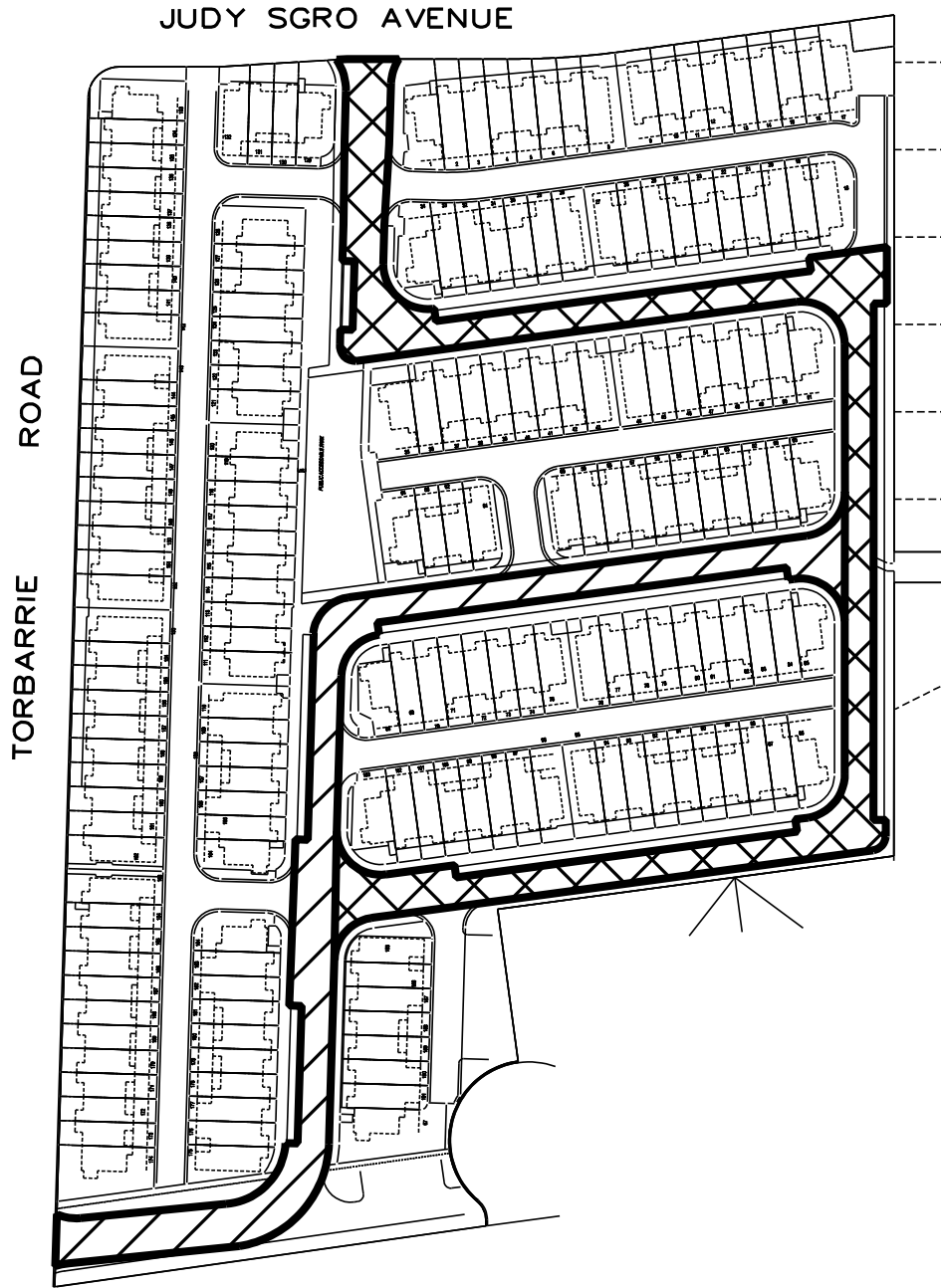
## **SIGNATURE**

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City Surveyor

## **ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment No. 1 – Map



PRIVATE LANE TO BE NAMED "JOSEPH GRIFFITH LANE"



PRIVATE LANE TO BE NAMED "JIM BAIRD MEWS"



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