



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Naming of Proposed Private Lanes at 156, 160 Evans Avenue, 829, 833, 839 Oxford Street

Date:	January 9, 2008
To:	Etobicoke York Community Council
From:	Wally Kowalenko, City Surveyor
Wards:	Ward 6
Reference Number:	P:\2008\Cluster B\TEC\EY08003

SUMMARY

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 “Ruby Lang Lane” and “Cormier Heights” be approved to identify the proposed private lanes at the residential development at 156, 160 Evans Avenue, 829, 833, 839 Oxford Street.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

- (1) the proposed private lanes at 156, 160 Evans Avenue, 829, 833, 839 Oxford Street be named “Ruby Lang Lane” and “Cormier Heights”;
- (2) Dunpar Developments Inc., pays the cost, estimated to be in the amount of \$2,400.00, 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

There are no financial implications resulting from the adoption of this report. The estimated cost of \$2,400.00 for the street name signs are to be paid by the applicant.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

We have a request from Dunpar Developments Inc. (105 Six Points Road Etobicoke, ON M8Z 2X3), to name the private lanes at the residential development at 156, 160 Evans Avenue, 829, 833, 839 Oxford Street, as shown on Attachment No. 1. Naming the lanes will facilitate identification of the proposed units fronting thereon.

The names “Ruby Lang Lane” and “Cormier Heights” have been suggested by Councillor Mark Grimes.

Barb Cormier was inducted into the Ontario Lacrosse Hall of Fame on Saturday October 20, 2007. Ruby Lang was inducted into the Ontario Lacrosse Hall of Fame in 2002. It was the love of the game and benefit of all children in Etobicoke that Barb Cormier and Ruby Lang donated over 25 years of service. They were both elected in the Builders Category.

Both Barb and Ruby helped to rebuild the foundation of the 110 year old Mimico Lacrosse Club as administrators and fundraisers. Their belief of "whatever it took to get the job done" helped Mimico Lacrosse get back on its feet and now boasts over 600 players and a successful Jr. B organization.

COMMENTS

The proposed names have been circulated for comment and are acceptable to Dunpar Developments Inc., Police and Fire Services. The name Cormier Heights is acceptable to EMS, however EMS does not support the name Ruby Lang Lane as there is a Ruby Crescent and a Rubydale Gardens in North York. The Etobicoke York Preservation Panel has commented that they agree that these two living individuals are both worthy of having streets named after them, but it does not appear that the “exceptional circumstances” criterion has been met.

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.
3. Names of living persons should be used only in exceptional circumstances.

The name Ruby Lang Lane is not duplicated in Toronto or in the municipalities surrounding Toronto. The use of the full name “Ruby Lang” with the street type designation “Lane” should help to distinguish it from Ruby Crescent and Rubydale

Gardens.

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".

Based on the circumstances stated above, and subject to the concurrence of City Council, the proposed names could be considered exceptional and approved for use in identifying the private lanes.

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.

CONTACT

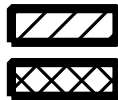
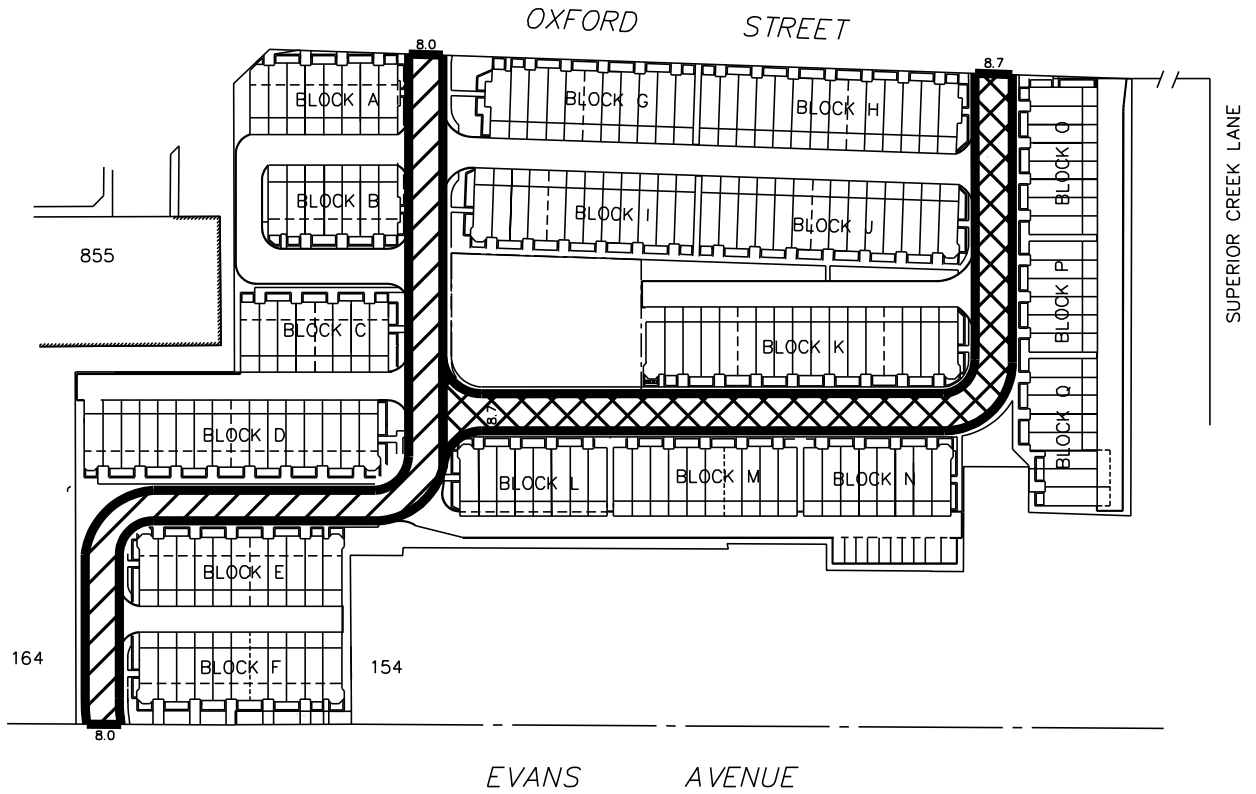
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SIGNATURE

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment No. 1 – Map



PROPOSED PRIVATE LANE TO BE NAMED "CORMIER HEIGHTS"

PROPOSED PRIVATE LANE TO BE NAMED "RUBY LANG LANE"



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