



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Naming of Proposed Private Lane at 939 Lawrence Avenue East (Shops at Don Mills)

Date:	March 17, 2008
To:	North York Community Council
From:	W. Kowalenko, City Surveyor
Wards:	Ward 25
Reference Number:	P:\2008\Cluster B\TEC\NY08021 (AFS #7337)

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 proposed private lane at 939 Lawrence Avenue East, extending southerly from The Donway West be named “Marie Labatte Road”

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

1. the name “Marie Labatte Road” be approved to identify the proposed private lane at 939 Lawrence Avenue East, extending southerly from The Donway West, subject to the concurrence of a family member; 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

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

DECISION HISTORY

The North York Community Council at its meeting of January 15th, 2008, considered Item NY12.25 entitled Naming of Proposed Private Lanes and Walkways – 939 Lawrence Avenue East (Shops at Don Mills). The North York Community Council:

1. approved the name “Clock Tower Road” only;
2. deferred consideration of the remaining names for the proposed private lanes and walkways at 939 Lawrence Avenue East, as identified in the report (December 11, 2007) from the City Surveyor, to its next meeting on February 12, 2008; and
3. requested the City Surveyor to submit a further report, to the North York Community Council for its meeting on February 12, 2008, on suitable names that recognize the historical nature of Don Mills.

The North York Community Council at its meeting of February 12, 2008, considered Item NY13.14 entitled Naming of Proposed Private Lanes and Walkways – 939 Lawrence Avenue East (Shops at Don Mills). The North York Community Council:

1. approved the names Karl Fraser Road, Leadley Lane, Pabst Lane, Sampson Mews, Maginn Mews, Aggie Hogg Gardens and O’Neill Road to identify the proposed private lanes and walkways at 939 Lawrence Avenue East;
2. directed that Cadillac Fairview Corporation Limited, pays the cost, estimated to be in the amount of \$6,000.00, for the fabrication and installation of street name signs; and
3. authorized and directed the appropriate City Officials to take the necessary action to give effect thereto, including the introduction of a naming by-law;
4. referred back the name, “Hollingshead Road” to the City Surveyor for a report to the next meeting of the North York Community Council on April 8, 2008, on the possibility of using the names “Labatte Road”, “Marie Labatte Road” or “Councillor Marie Labatte Road” in place of the name “Hollingshead Road”; and
5. requested the City Surveyor, in preparation of the requested report, to consult with the Labatte family with respect to their concurrence in using the suggested names of “Labatte Road”, “Marie Labatte Road” or Councillor Marie Labatte Road”.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Marie Labatte (1925 – 2004) devoted her life to her family and community. She had a strong belief in the leadership of women and their contribution to public policy and betterment of Cities and Local Communities, Marie was a “grass

roots” politician and organizer, and believed her political function was to represent the community. Marie Labatte had many achievements during her career of community service including: Councillor for Ward 10 of the City of North York from 1976-1988 and for the Don Parkway Ward of the Municipality of Metropolitan Toronto from 1988-1996.

COMMENTS

The proposed names “Labatte Road”, “Marie Labatte Road” and “Councillor Marie Labatte Road” have been circulated for comment and are acceptable to Councillor Cliff Jenkins and the Cadillac Fairview Corporation Limited. The North York Preservation Panel does not object to the name, but would prefer the heritage name “Hollingshead”.

Police, Fire and Emergency Medical Services do not support the name “Labatte Road”, as it conflicts with “Labatt Avenue”, and suggest that the name “Councillor Marie Labatte Road” is too long. Police and EMS do not support the name “Marie Labatte Road”, as it is too similar to “Labatt Avenue”, however Fire Services has no objection to “Marie Labatte Road”.

The City of Toronto Street Naming Policy states among other things 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 name “Marie Labatte Road” is not duplicated in Toronto or in the municipalities surrounding Toronto. The use of the full name “Marie Labatte” with the street type designation “Road” should help to distinguish it from “Labatte Avenue”.

The name “Marie Labatte Road” otherwise conforms 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 name could be considered exceptional and approved for use in identifying the private lane.

Staff were unable to contact any family members of Marie Labatte but will continue to pursue the matter.

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 City of Toronto Street Naming Policy was 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 amended on May 30, 31 and June 1, 2001 (Clause 12, Report 7 of the Works Committee).

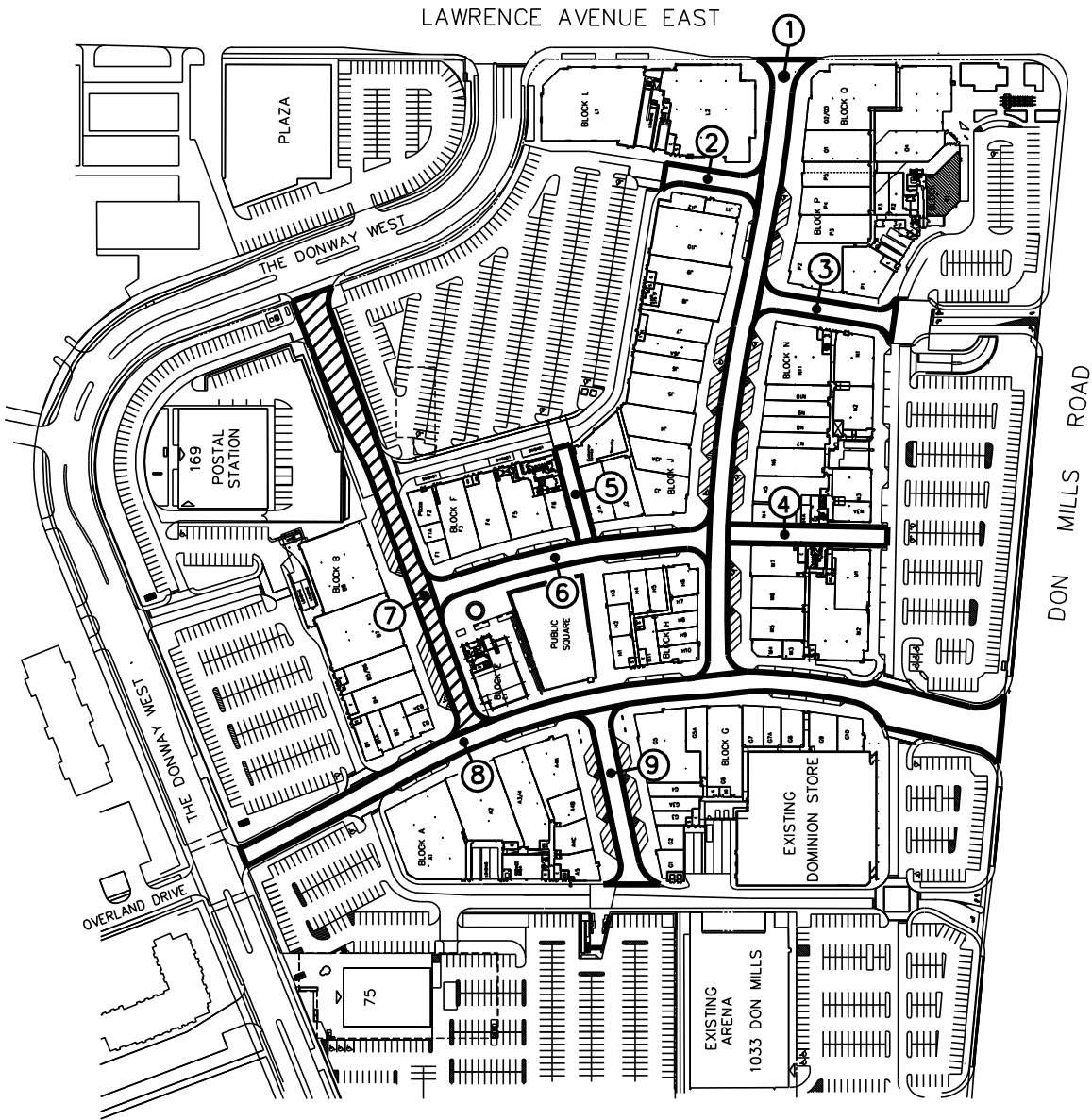
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ATTACHMENT NO. 1 – MAP



 PRIVATE LANE ⑦ TO BE NAMED "MARIE LABATTE ROAD"

PREVIOUSLY APPROVED NAMES

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| ① KARL FRASER ROAD | ⑤ MAGINN MEWS |
| ② LEADLEY LANE | ⑥ AGGIE HOGG GARDENS |
| ③ PABST LANE | ⑧ CLOCK TOWER ROAD |
| ④ SAMPSON MEWS | ⑨ O'NEILL ROAD |



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