



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Naming of Proposed Public Street West of Warden Avenue, Between Eglinton Avenue East and Ashtonbee Road

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| Date: | June 18, 2008 |
| To: | Scarborough Community Council |
| From: | Wally Kowalenko, City Surveyor |
| Wards: | Ward 37 |
| Reference Number: | P:\2008\Cluster B\TEC\SC08036 |

SUMMARY

This report recommends that the name “Karim Hakim Avenue” be approved to identify the proposed public street located west of Warden Avenue, between Eglinton Avenue East and Ashtonbee Road, as shown on the attached map.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The City Surveyor recommends that City Council grant an exception to its policy of avoiding the naming of streets after living persons, using a person’s full name, and using names for public streets that could be construed as advertising a particular business and authorize:

1. the proposed public street located west of Warden Avenue, between Eglinton Avenue East and Ashtonbee Road, be named “Karim Hakim Avenue”, and be dedicated as a public highway; 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 and dedication by-law.

Financial Impact

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

ISSUE BACKGROUND

A request has been made to Ward 37 Councillor Michael Thompson to name the proposed public street located west of Warden Avenue between Eglinton Avenue East and Ashtonbee Road, as “Karim Hakim Avenue”. This new street is currently referred to as the northerly extension of Lebovic Avenue.

The request comes from representatives of the Persian community, elected officials and prominent business people who believe this gesture is fitting to celebrate Mr. Hakim's achievements and contributions as an entrepreneur, businessman and philanthropist. This location was chosen because Mr. Hakim's factory outlet, which was established at this location in 1988, was removed for the extension of Lebovic Avenue to Ashtonbee Road.

Councillor Thompson has received numerous letters in support of this proposal, including a letter of support from Mississauga Mayor Hazel McCallion.

Council's Street Naming Policy is set out in:

http://www.toronto.ca/mapping/street_naming/index.htm

COMMENTS

The proposed name has been circulated for comment and is acceptable to Police, Fire, and Emergency Medical Services. The Scarborough Preservation Panel do not object to the proposal but would prefer the use of the last name “Hakim”.

The City of Toronto Street Naming Policy approved by City Council at its meeting held on August 1, 2, 3 and 4, 2000 and amended on June 1, 2001, sets out the guidelines and criteria for the naming and renaming of streets and lanes. The proposal does not comply with the following provisions of Council's policy:

Criteria for Name Selection

3. Names of living persons should be used only in exceptional circumstances.
4. Only a person's last name should be used as a street name unless additional identification is necessary to prevent a duplication with an existing street name in Toronto and surrounding municipalities.

Names to be Avoided

4. Names for public streets that could be construed as advertising a particular business shall be avoided.

The proposed street name 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”.

The proposed name commemorates a noteworthy living person. Based on Mr. Hakim's achievements and contributions as an entrepreneur, businessman and philanthropist and subject to the concurrence of City Council, the proposal could be considered an exception to Council's policy and approved for use in identifying the proposed public street.

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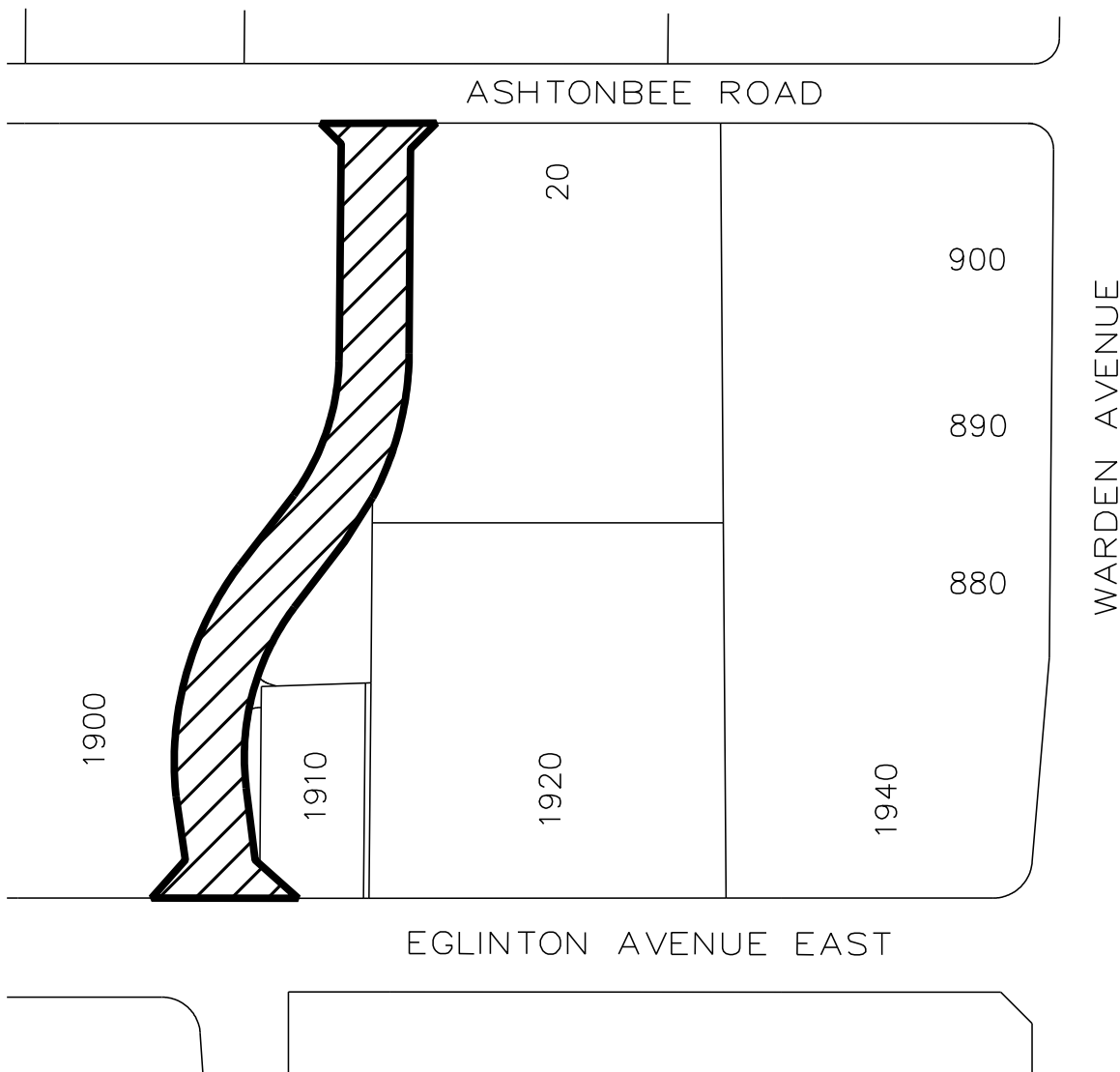
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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment No. 1 – Map

Attachment No. 1



PROPOSED PUBLIC STREET TO BE NAMED "KARIM HAKIM AVENUE"



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