



## STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

### Naming of Proposed Private Lanes and Walkways at 825 Dundas Street East

<b>Date:</b>	May 21, 2008
<b>To:</b>	Toronto and East York Community Council
<b>From:</b>	W. Kowalenko, City Surveyor
<b>Wards:</b>	Ward 30
<b>Reference Number:</b>	P:\2008\Cluster B\TEC\TE08028 (AFS # 7514)

#### 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 lanes and walkways at the residential development at 825 Dundas Street East be named Frances Loring Lane, Florence Wyle Lane, Kay Macpherson Lane and Mary Ann Shadd Lane. Naming the lanes and walkways 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 lanes and walkways at 825 Dundas Street East be named Frances Loring Lane, Florence Wyle Lane, Kay Macpherson Lane and Mary Ann Shadd Lane;
2. Intracorp Projects Limited, pays the cost, estimated to be in the amount of \$3,900.00, for the fabrication and installation of street name signs;
3. the owners or their successors shall maintain, at their own risk, the signage installed under Recommendation (2) of this staff report; and

4. 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 \$3,900.00 for the street name signs are to be paid by the applicant.

## **DECISION HISTORY**

The Toronto and East York Community Council at its meeting of April 8, 2008, while considering report TE14.60 - Naming of Proposed Private Lane at 825 Dundas Street East, Extending Easterly From Carroll Street, requested the City Surveyor to report back on the naming of the remaining four lanes after Frances Loring and Florence Wyle, two outstanding Toronto women sculptors; Kay Macpherson, former NAC president and advocate for women on fixed incomes; and Mary Ann Shadd, Black suffragette and first woman publisher in Canada.

## **ISSUE BACKGROUND**

We have a request from Intracorp Projects Limited (25 Centurian Drive, Suite 201, Markham ON L3R 5N8) to name the lanes and walkways at the residential development at 825 Dundas Street East, as shown on Attachment No. 1. Naming the lanes and walkways will facilitate the identification of the proposed units fronting thereon.

The following names of well known sculptors and social reformers associated with Toronto have been suggested by Councillor Paula Fletcher:

Frances Loring Lane  
Florence Wyle Lane  
Kay Macpherson Lane  
Mary Ann Shadd Lane

**Frances Loring** (1887-1968) and **Florence Wyle** (1881-1968) - Affectionately called "The Girls," Frances Loring and Florence Wyle were also known as the first women of Canadian sculpture. Spanning more than 50 years, their careers as sculptors have given Canadians a rich body of work that may be discovered and admired in many public spaces and galleries throughout the country.

**Kay Macpherson** (1913–1999) Kay Mcpherson served humanitarian causes and social concerns, particularly women's rights, most of her life. She also helped establish Women for Political Action, and in 1977 was elected president of the National Action Committee on the Status of Women.

**Mary Ann Shadd** (1823-1893) Teacher, abolitionist, civil rights advocate, feminist and newspaper editor, Mary Ann Shadd was an influential voice in the Underground Railroad

community in Upper Canada. She was active in Sandwich, Toronto and Chatham, teaching and editing the Provincial Freeman, an important newspaper of the Canadian Underground Railroad community. Shadd broke new ground for women, being not only an early woman newspaper editor, but also the first black woman editor in Canada. She claimed equal rights under the law regardless of colour or gender, while exhorting her community to realize the benefits of self-sufficiency.

## COMMENTS

The proposed names have been circulated for comment and are acceptable to Intracorp Projects Limited, the Toronto and East York Preservation Panel, Police and Fire Services.

Emergency Medical Services support all of the names except “Mary Ann Shadd Lane”, as there are too many examples of Mary and Ann. (Marydon Crescent, Maryhill Drive, Maryland Boulevard, Maryport Avenue, Ann Arbour Road, Anndale Drive, Anndale Road, Anne Rawson Lane).

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 name “Mary Ann Shadd Lane” is not duplicated in Toronto or in the municipalities surrounding Toronto. The use of the name “Mary Ann Shadd” with the street type designation “Lane” should help to distinguish it from other street names beginning with the words “Mary” or “Ann”.

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 City Council authorizing an exception to its policy of avoiding similar sounding street names, the proposed name “Mary Ann Shadd Lane” could be approved for use to identify the private lane.

Notices to name the lanes and walkways, 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.

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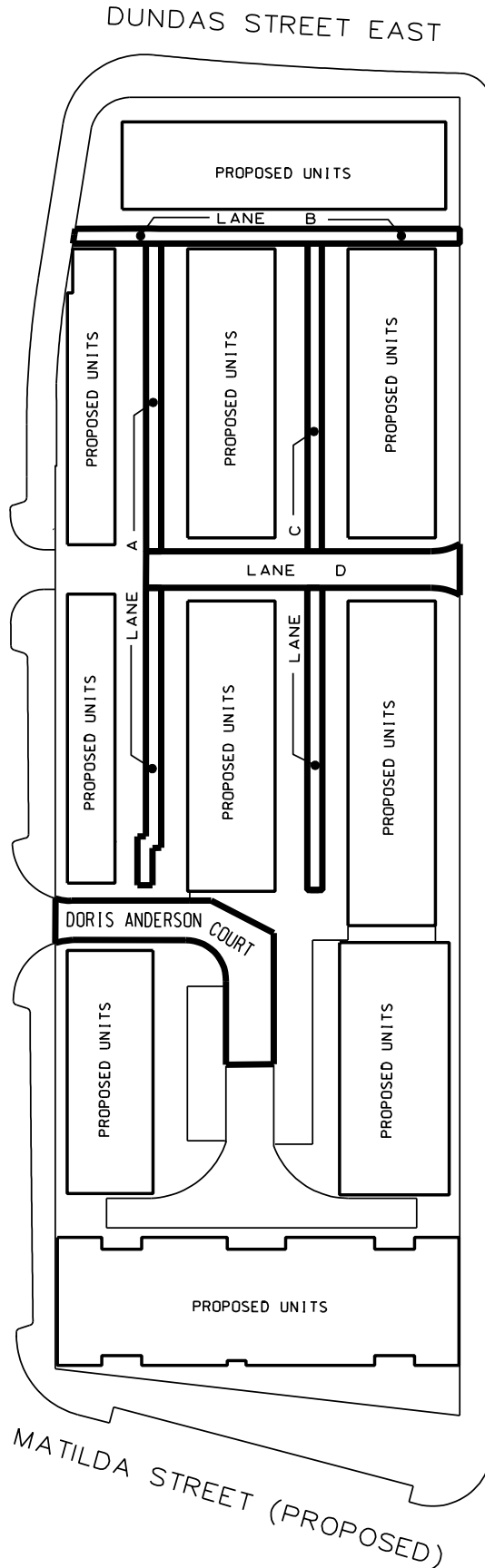
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City Surveyor

## **ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment No. 1 – Map

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LANE A – FRANCES LORING LANE      LANE C – FLORENCE WYLE LANE  
 LANE B – KAY MACPHERSON LANE      LANE D – MARY ANN SHADD LANE



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