

STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Renaming of Jack Evelyn Wiggins Drive

Date:	May 12, 2009
To:	North York Community Council
From:	City Surveyor
Wards:	Ward 8
Reference	D. 2000 Chaster D'TEC'NV00016
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SUMMARY

This staff report is about a matter for which the community council has delegated authority from City Council to make a final decision.

This report responds to the request of the North York Community Council to report on the renaming of Jack Evelyn Wiggins Drive.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The City Surveyor recommends that:

- (1) The street named Jack Evelyn Wiggins Drive be renamed as "Evelyn Wiggins Drive";
- (2) The lane named Elia Lane be renamed as "Jack Wiggins Lane";
- (3) The walkway identified as Block 348 on Plan 66M-2439 be named "Elia Lane"; and
- (4) The appropriate City officials take the necessary action to give effect thereto, including the introduction of a naming and renaming by-law.

Financial Impact

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

DECISION HISTORY

The North York Community Council adopted Item NY25.31 on April 21, 2009, recommending that:

1. The City Surveyor conduct a poll of the property owners and residents affected by the renaming of Jack Evelyn Wiggins Drive, in accordance with the City's Street Naming Policy.

- 2. If the poll indicates a majority are in favour of the name change, that the City Surveyor submit a report to NYCC at it's meeting of May 14, 2009 requesting that:
- (a) The street named Jack Evelyn Wiggins Drive be renamed to "Evelyn Wiggins Drive";
- (b) The lane named Elia Lane by Plan 66M-2439 be renamed "Jack Wiggins Lane";
- (c) The walkway identified as Block 348 on Plan 66M-2439 be named "Elia Lane"; and
- (d) The appropriate City officials take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

We have a request from Councillor Perruzza to rename Jack Evelyn Wiggins Drive to "Evelyn Wiggins Drive". The current street name is a long and somewhat confusing name, and does not properly recognize the contributions of Evelyn and Jack Wiggins, and each individual should be honoured with separate street names. The street is still under construction with 12 units occupied, and the remaining 31 units still being built.

Letters and ballots were delivered to the 12 occupied units and Tribute Homes, who are the owners of the 31 units still being built. Of the 12 occupied units, only five responses were received, three were supportive of the name change, and two objected. Tribute Homes, owners of the remaining units under construction, have no objections to the name changes. The results of the poll and Tribute Homes support represent a majority in favour of the name changes.

Should Community Council adopt this report, staff will advise the affected residents, Emergency Services, City divisions, MPAC, Canada Post, Bell 911 and other relevant agencies of the street name changes, and will make arrangements for the installation of street name signs.

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Attachment - Map

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