



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Naming of Public Lane South of Front Street East Between George Street South and Frederick Street

Date:	March 10, 2009
To:	Toronto and East York Community Council
From:	City Surveyor
Wards:	Ward 28
Reference Number:	P:\2009\Cluster B\TEC\TEY09008

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 the public lane south of Front Street East, between George Street South and Frederick Street, be named "Taylor's Wharf Lane".

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

1. the public lane located south of Front Street East, between George Street South and Frederick Street, be named "Taylor's Wharf Lane"; 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.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

We have a request from the St. Lawrence Neighbourhood Association - SLNA - (230 The Esplanade, Toronto, ON M5A 4L1) to name the public lane located south of Front Street East, between George Street South and Frederick Street, shown on Attachment No. 1, as

“Taylor’s Wharf Lane”. The Association also states that the lane acts as the northern exit to Jenoves Place and is the service lane for the buildings on Front Street East.

The St. Lawrence Neighbourhood Association has written that the proposed name commemorates local history as Taylor’s Wharf was situated on the waterfront at the foot of George and Frederick Streets until the first landfill into the harbour in the late 1850’s. The company’s offices/storehouses were on George Street.

COMMENTS

The proposed name has been circulated for comment and is acceptable to Councillor McConnell, the Toronto East York Preservation Panel, Police and Fire Services. Emergency Medical Services do not support the name as there are too many streets beginning with “Taylor”, such as Taylor Drive, Taylor Road and Taylorwood Drive.

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 “Similar sounding names such as Beach Avenue and Peach Avenue, or Apple Hill Road and Apple Road should be avoided.”.

The name “Taylor’s Wharf Lane” is not duplicated in Toronto or in the municipalities surrounding Toronto. The use of the name “Taylor’s Wharf” with the street type designation “Lane” should help to distinguish it from other street names beginning with the word “Taylor”. In addition, there will be no property addresses on this lane, which should help to alleviate any confusion.

The proposed name otherwise conforms with Item (b), Criteria for Name Selection, as set out in City Council’s Street Naming Policy - “to commemorate local history, places events or culture”.

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 “Taylor’s Wharf Lane” could be approved for use to identify the public lane.

CONTACT

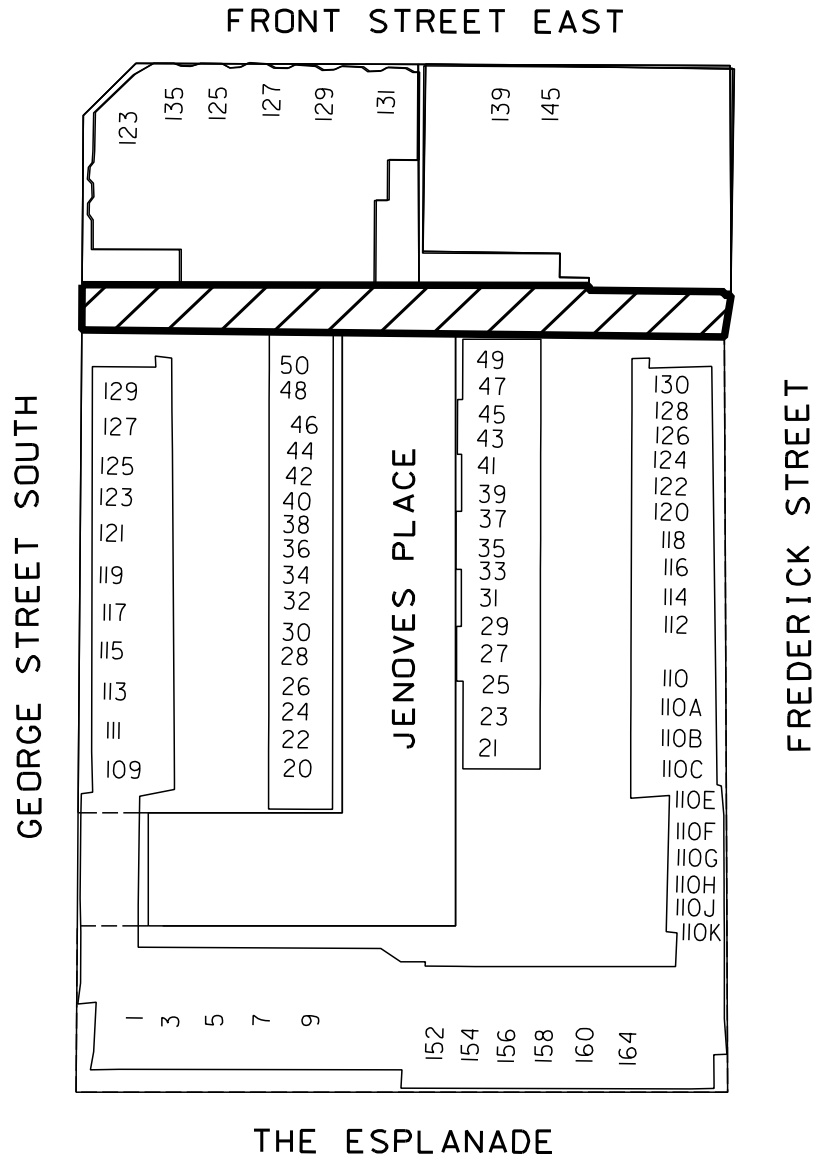
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ATTACHMENT – Map

Attachment No. 1



PUBLIC LANE TO BE NAMED " TAYLOR'S WHARF LANE "



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