

## **Naming of Park Road Between Old Dundas Street and Old Mill Road**

<b>Date:</b>	June 15, 2010
<b>To:</b>	Etobicoke York Community Council
<b>From:</b>	City Surveyor
<b>Wards:</b>	Ward 5
<b>Reference Number:</b>	P:\2010\Cluster B\TEC\EY10001

### **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.

This report recommends that the park road between Old Dundas Street and Old Mill Road, be named “Home Smith Park Road”.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

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#### **The City Surveyor recommends that:**

1. the park road located between Old Dundas Street and Old Mill Road, be named “Home Smith Park Road”, 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 Coucillor Milczyn to name the park road between Old Dundas Street and Old Mill Road, as shown on Attachment No. 1, to assist in the dispatch of

emergency services to this location. The vehicular entrance is from Old Dundas Street, and the road is one way southbound through Home Smith Park to its exit at the intersection of Old Mill Road and Old Mill Trail. The road is on the west side of the Humber River and is used by vehicles, pedestrians and cyclists.

Robert Home Smith was born in Stratford, Ontario on July 12, 1877, the son of a Manitoba Supreme Court judge. Although his interests lay in architecture, Home Smith's mother convinced him to study law. Unfortunately, a serious illness left him partially deaf, so he abandoned the legal profession to pursue activities less dependent on hearing. Home Smith had a strong interest in developing land and by 1906 had purchased over 1,200 hectares in the Humber Valley. He began development of the Old Mill or Kingsway subdivision in 1912. Houses were built individually by owners on planned, subdivided lots in communities surrounding the valley. The Kingsway and Old Mill neighbourhoods may have been the first planned, fully serviced subdivisions in Toronto. Besides developing land, Home Smith also built the Old Mill Tea Rooms, constructed an electric train service along Annette Street, and designated land for commercial and recreational uses.

## **COMMENTS**

The name “Home Smith Park Road” has been circulated for comment and is acceptable to the Etobicoke York Preservation Panel, Police, Fire and Emergency Medical Services.

The proposed name 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 is consistent with 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 May 30, 31 and June 1, 2001 and should therefore be approved for identifying the park road.

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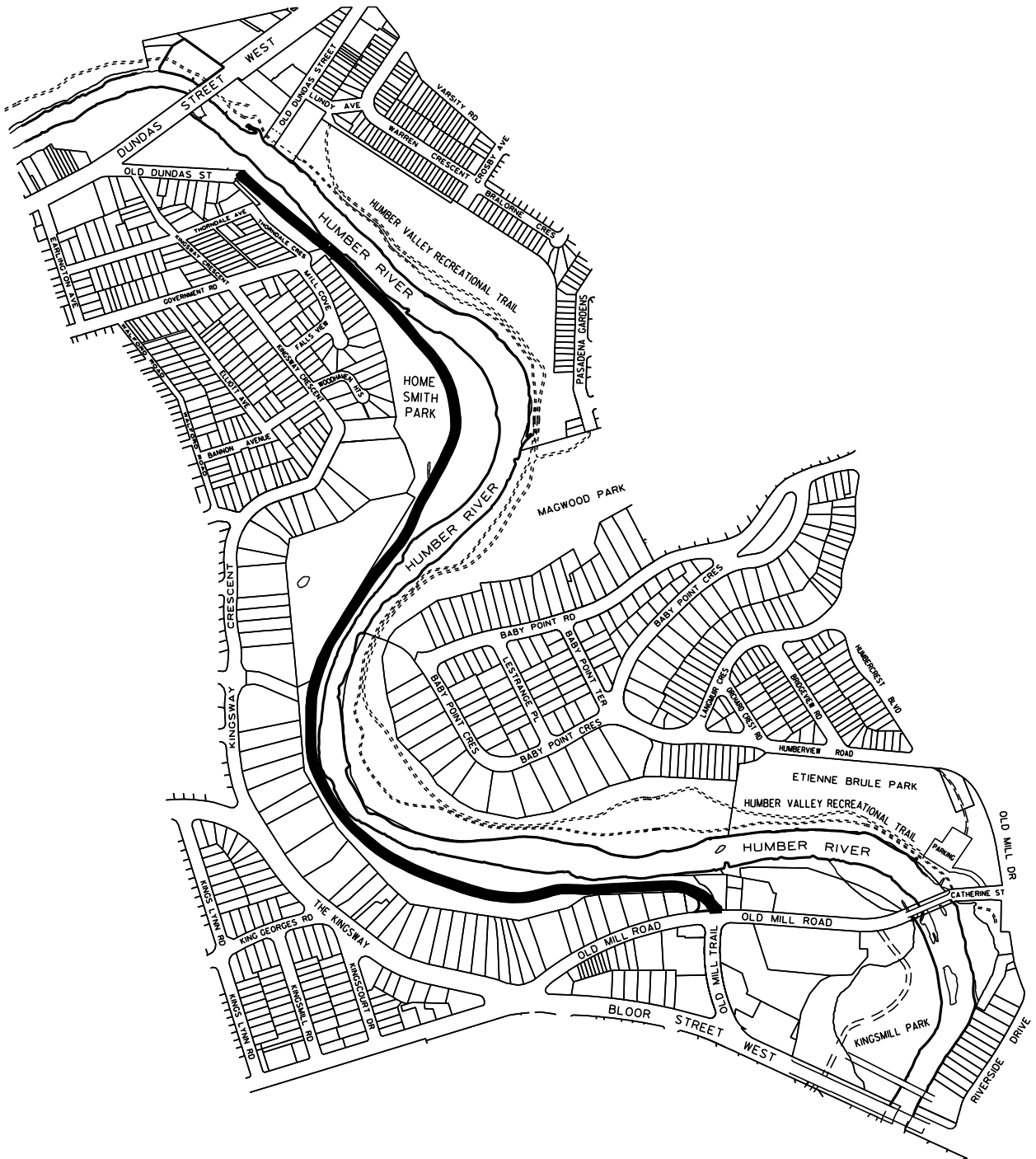
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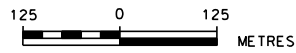
## **ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment No. 1 – Location Map

Attachment No.1



**\_\_\_\_\_** PARK ROAD TO BE NAMED "HOME SMITH PARK ROAD"



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