



**STAFF REPORT
ACTION REQUIRED**

Naming of Public Lane north of Lake Shore Boulevard West extending between Fifth Street and Sixth Street

Date:	November 22, 2012
To:	Etobicoke York Community Council
From:	Acting City Surveyor
Wards:	Ward 6
Reference Number:	P:\2013\Cluster B\TEC\EY13010

SUMMARY

On September 11, 2012, Etobicoke York Community Council adopted Item 18.50 requesting the City Surveyor to investigate and report on the suitability of naming a lane "Alex Faulkner Lane".

This report recommends that the name not be approved because it does not comply with the City of Toronto Honourific and Street Naming Policy.

Community Councils have delegated authority to decide street naming matters which comply with the City of Toronto Honourific and Street Naming Policy.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Technical Services recommends that:

- (1) Etobicoke York Community Council not approve the name, "Alex Faulkner Lane" to identify the public lane north of Lake Shore Boulevard West extending between Fifth Street and Sixth Street.

Financial Impact

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

ISSUE BACKGROUND

At its meeting on September 11, 2012, Etobicoke York Community Council adopted Item 18.50 which contained the following recommendation:

"1. Requested the City Surveyor to investigate and report to Etobicoke York Community Council on the suitability of naming the lane north of Lake Shore Boulevard West extending between Fifth and Sixth Streets, as "Alex Faulkner Lane."

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2012.EY18.50>

As well, by letter to the City Surveyor dated April 25, 2012, the Lakeshore Village Business Improvement Association presented a petition requesting the naming of a public lane located north of Lake Shore Boulevard West, between Fifth Street and Sixth Street as "Alex Faulkner Laneway. According to the letter, Mr. Faulkner contributed to the New Toronto community for more than six decades in volunteer roles and as an elected official. He was a founding member of the New Toronto Business Association and its successor, the Lakeshore Village Business Improvement. As a local entrepreneur, Alex Faulkner founded Faulkner Appliances which has provided service to the area for over 60 years.

The subject lane is shown as Part 1 on Attachment No. 1 - Sketch No. PS-2012-101.

COMMENTS

The proposed name "Alex Faulkner Lane" does not comply with Sections 6.1.4 and 6.3.1.2 of the City of Toronto Honourific and Street Naming Policy which state:

6.1.4 "Names of living persons should be used only in exceptional circumstances"

Mr. Faulkner is living, and using his name for this lane would require that an exception be granted by City Council.

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

The proposed name is similar sounding to Faulkner Crescent in North York.

The proposed name was circulated to first responders, the local preservation panel and Councillor Grimes. Fire Services, Emergency Medical Services, and the Etobicoke York Community Preservation Panel did not object to the name. Councillor Grimes supports the name.

Police Services objected to the name because there are 3 existing streets which begin with "Alex" and 6 existing streets which begin with "Alexander".

Due to the issues of non-compliance with the Policy cited above it is recommended that the name "Alex Faulkner Lane" not be approved.

The City of Toronto Honourific and Street Naming Policy can be found at:

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

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ATTACHMENT

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SURVEY & UTILITY MAPPING

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WARD 6 – ETOBICOKE-LAKESHORE
DATE: OCTOBER 17, 2012

PROPERTY INFORMATION SHEET

SKETCH SHOWING PUBLIC LANE (PART 1)
NORTH OF LAKE SHORE BOULEVARD WEST
BETWEEN FIFTH STREET AND SIXTH STREET

SKETCH No. PS-2012-101