

# STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

# Naming of Proposed Public Street located east of Dufferin Street, extending northerly from Lawrence Avenue West to Dane Avenue

Date:	September 23, 2013
To:	North York Community Council
From:	Manager Land and Property Surveys
Wards:	Ward 15
Reference Number:	P:\2013\Cluster B\TEC\ NY13051

#### **SUMMARY**

This report recommends that the proposed public street located east of Dufferin Street, extending northerly from Lawrence Avenue West to Dane Avenue be named "Via Bagnato".

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

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

Engineering and Construction Services recommends that:

- 1. North York Community Council approve the name "Via Bagnato" for the proposed public street located east of Dufferin Street, extending northerly from Lawrence Avenue West to Dane Avenue; 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**

Lanterra Developments has made application to name the proposed public street located east of Dufferin Street, extending northerly from Lawrence Avenue West and illustrated as PART 1 on Attachment No. 1 to this report, "Via Bagnato" in honour of Grace Bagnato.

According to information provided, Ms. Bagnato (1891-1950) arrived in Toronto in 1905 and settled downtown in an area near Old City Hall. The area housed many struggling immigrant families and Ms. Bagnato learned their many languages so as to become an interpreter between these new immigrants and the English speaking world of government, law courts and society. In 1921 she became the first Italian Canadian woman court interpreter in Ontario.

We have a personal letter of consent from Mr. Paul Bagnato who is Grace Bagnato's son and next of kin, who concurs with the proposal.

A future extension of the proposed public street will complete the connection to Dane Avenue. It is illustrated as PART 2 on Attachment No. 1.

#### **COMMENTS**

The proposed name was circulated for comment and is acceptable to Councillor Colle, Toronto Police Service and Toronto Fire Services.

As of the writing of this report, the North York Preservation Panel had not provided comments.

Toronto Emergency Medical Services objected to the use of "Via", in the name as there already exists 4 streets in Toronto that contain "Via".

The objection of Toronto Emergency Medical Services relating to the use of "Via" is noted here for Community Council's consideration. As this is actually a street type designation, it is similar to using "Street" or "Road" and therefore complies with the policy.

The proposed name "Via Bagnato" complies with the City of Toronto Honourific and Street Naming Policy.

The City of Toronto Honourific and Street Naming Policy can be found at: <a href="http://www.toronto.ca/mapping/street\_naming/index.htm">http://www.toronto.ca/mapping/street\_naming/index.htm</a>

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## **ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment No.1 - Map

# Attachment No. 1





