



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Naming of a Proposed Public Street located south of George Henry Boulevard and extending easterly from Don Mills Road to Forest Manor Road

Date:	September 25, 2013
To:	North York Community Council
From:	Manager Land and Property Surveys
Wards:	Ward 33
Reference Number:	P:\2013\Cluster B\TEC\ NY13053

SUMMARY

At its meeting on September 10, 2013, North York Community Council adopted Item NY26.57 which requested the Manager, Land and Property Surveys to report on the suitability of naming the proposed public street located south of George Henry Boulevard and extending easterly from Don Mills Road to Forest Manor Road as "Helen Lu Road".

The proposed name does not comply with the City of Toronto Honourific and Street Naming Policy. Therefore, this report recommends that the name not be approved.

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 not approve the name, "Helen Lu Road" to identify the proposed public street located south of George Henry Boulevard and extending easterly from Don Mills Road to Forest Manor Road.

Financial Impact

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

ISSUE BACKGROUND

At its meeting on September 10, 2013, North York Community Council adopted Item NY26.57 which contained the following recommendation:

"1. Requested the Manager, Land and Property Surveys to investigate and report to North York Community Council on the suitability of naming the proposed public street located south of George Henry Boulevard and extending easterly from Don Mills Road to Forest Manor Road as "Helen Lu Road", or any other appropriate street type designation."

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2013/ny/bgrd/backgroundfile-61279.pdf>

The following background information was provided by Councillor Carroll's office:

"Helen Lu is an Order of Ontario recipient who dedicated more than 40 years of her life to community work in North York. She was lovingly referred to as "Mama Lu" and well known throughout Ontario for her tireless community work. From selling raffle tickets for charitable organizations to knocking on doors to raise money for victims of earthquakes and tsunamis abroad, Helen Lu devoted her life to charity work".

The proposed public street is shown as Part 1 on Attachment No. 1 - Sketch No. PS-2013-086.

COMMENTS

The proposed name "Helen Lu Road" does not comply with Sections 5.2.2, 6.1.5 and 6.3.1.2 of the City of Toronto Honourific and Street Naming Policy which state:

5.2.2 Honourific names shall only be awarded posthumously to those individuals who have been deceased for at least two years, with exceptions to be approved by City Council.

Helen Lu passed away in May 2013.

6.1.5 "Only a person's last name should be used as a street name unless additional identification is necessary to prevent duplication with an existing street name in Toronto and surrounding municipalities."

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 City currently has multiple street names which begin with "Helen" or "Ellen".

The proposed name was circulated to the Toronto Police Service, Toronto Emergency Medical Services and Toronto Fire Services and all objected to the name based on its similarity to existing street names.

North York Preservation Panel and Councillor Carroll support the name.

As we are recommending against approval of the name, family consent was not sought.

The proposed name does not comply with the City of Toronto Honourific and Street Naming Policy and it is therefore recommended that "Helen Lu Road" 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

Alternate Recommendations

If North York Community Council wishes to proceed with the name "Helen Lu Road", family consent should be obtained, and the following alternate recommendations should be adopted:

1. City Council approve the name, "Helen Lu Road" to identify the proposed public street located south of George Henry Boulevard and extending easterly from Don Mills Road to Forest Manor Road.
2. The appropriate City Officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

CONTACT

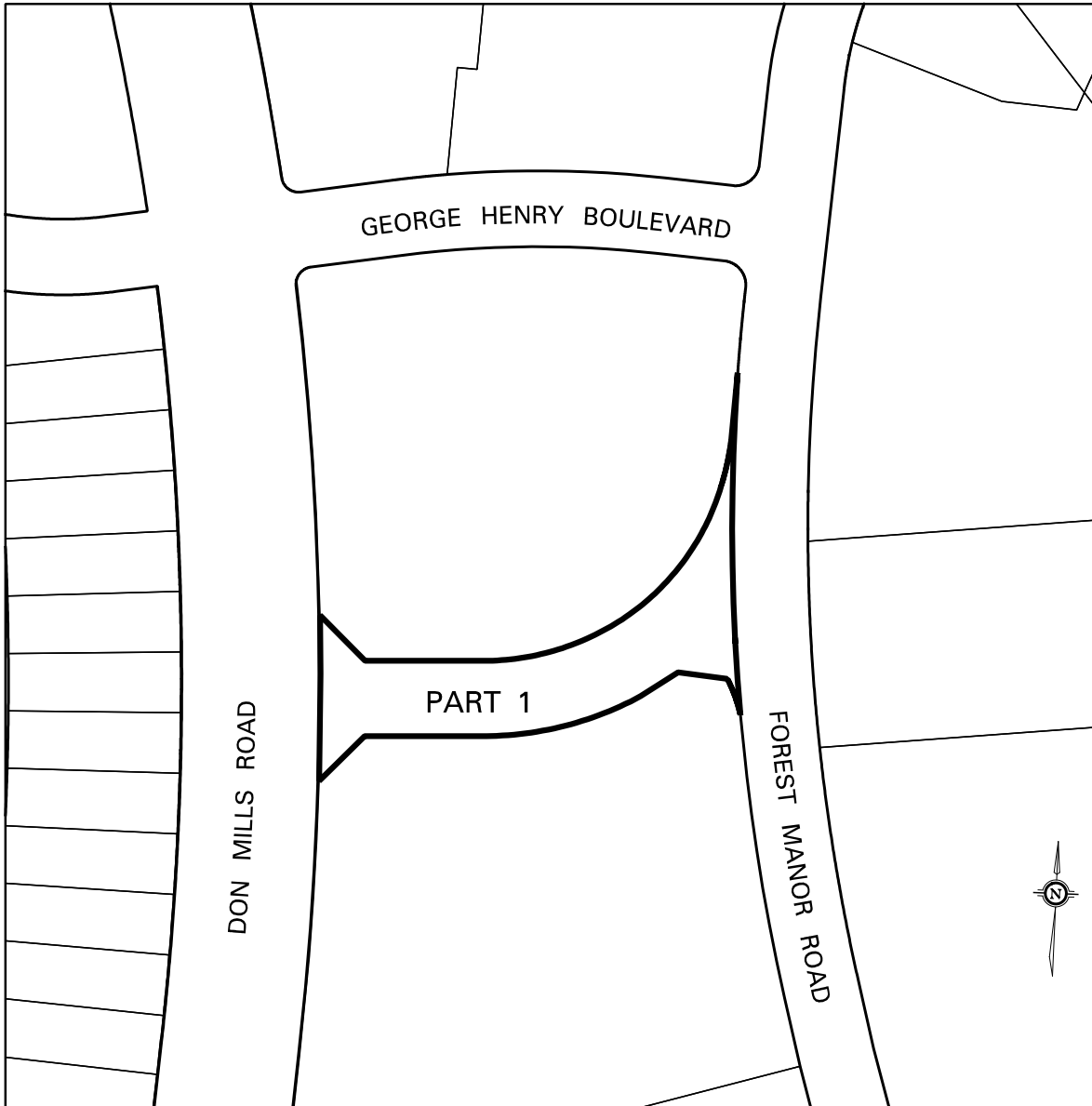
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ATTACHMENT

Attachment No. 1 – Sketch No. PS-2013-086



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WARD 33 - DON VALLEY EAST
DATE: SEPTEMBER 19, 2013

PROPERTY INFORMATION SHEET
SKETCH SHOWING A PORTION OF
NO. 32-50 FOREST MANOR ROAD

SKETCH No. PS-2013-086