Consolidated Clause in Etobicoke York Community Council Report 7, which was considered by City Council on September 25, 26 and 27, 2006.

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Naming of Proposed Public Streets at 115 Torbarrie Road
(Ward 7 - York West)

City Council on September 25, 26 and 27, 2006, adopted this Clause without amendment.

The Etobicoke York Community Council recommends that City Council adopt the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report (August 29, 2006) from the City Surveyor, Technical Services.

Purpose:

This report recommends that the public streets to be located at the 115 Torbarrie Road subdivision be named Fred Young Drive, Jorma Palomaki Terrace, Sergio Marchi Street, Leila Jackson Terrace and Judy Sgro Avenue.

Financial Implications and Impact Statement:

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

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

(1) a street be named Fred Young Drive in the Torbarrie Road subdivision;

(2) subject to the granting of an exception to the policy of avoiding the naming of streets after living persons, the remaining streets in the Torbarrie Road subdivision be named Jorma Palomaki Terrace, Sergio Marchi Street, Leila Jackson Terrace and Judy Sgro Avenue; and

(3) the appropriate City Officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

Background:

A request has been made by Ringley Construction Limited (80 Tiverton Court, Suite 300, Markham, ON L3R 0G4) to name five proposed public streets at their subdivision at 115 Torbarrie Road, as shown on Attachment No. 1.
The names Fred Young, Jorma Palomaki, Sergio Marchi, Leila Jackson and Judy Sgro have been suggested by Councillor Giorgio Mammoliti to recognize people who have contributed to the local community. Additional information on each individual is outlined in Attachment No. 2.

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 that:

1. Streets should generally be named after people, places, events and things related to the City and the citizens of Toronto. Proposed names should meet one of the following criteria
   a. to honour and commemorate noteworthy persons associated with the City of Toronto;
   b. to commemorate local history, places, events or culture;
   c. to strengthen neighbourhood identity;
   d. to recognize native flora, fauna or natural features related to the community and the City of Toronto; or
   e. to recognize communities which contribute to the ethno-racial diversity of Toronto.
2. Consideration should be given to names of local area or historic significance.
3. Names of living persons should be used only in exceptional circumstances.
4. Similar sounding names such as Beach Avenue and Peach Avenue, or Apple Hill Road and Apple Road should be avoided.

Comments:

The proposed names have been circulated for comment. Police, Fire and Emergency Medical Services support three of the names but do not support the name Leila Jackson as there is already a “Leila Lane” and three streets use the name “Jackson”. There is also a concern with potential pronunciation problems with the name Judy Sgro.

Ringley Construction Limited supports the proposed names.

The Etobicoke York Preservation Panel has no objection to the proposed names, but has noted streets should be named after living persons only in exceptional circumstances.

Conclusions:

The five proposed names conform with Council’s street naming policy as the names honour and commemorate noteworthy persons associated with the City of Toronto.
The use of the full name “Leila Jackson” with the street type designation “Terrace” should help to distinguish it from other streets, which use the names “Leila” or “Jackson”.

Based on the biographical summaries set out in the attachment 2 and subject to City Council concurrence, the naming of streets after Jorma Palomaki, Sergio Marchi, Leila Jackson and Judy Sgro could be considered exceptional and approved for use in the subdivision at 115 Torbarrie Road.

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(Attachments 1 and 2, referred to in this report, were forwarded to all Members of the Etobicoke York Community Council with the agenda for its meeting on September 13, 2006, and copies are on file in the City Clerk’s Office, Etobicoke Civic Centre.)