TORONTO

STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Naming of Public Lane Extending Westerly from John Street to Elsmere Avenue

Date:	June 8, 2012
To:	Etobicoke York Community Council
From:	City Surveyor
Wards:	Ward 11
Reference Number:	P:\2012\Cluster B\TEC\EY12026

SUMMARY

This report responds to a Motion by Etobicoke York Community Council requesting the City Surveyor to investigate and report back on the feasibility of naming the laneway which runs from John Street to Elsmere Avenue as "Pantelis Kalamaris Lane".

The report recommends that the proposed name "Pantelis Kalamaris Lane" not be approved.

Community Council has delegated authority to name streets provided that the name conforms to the City of Toronto Honourific and Street Naming Policy.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The City Surveyor recommends that the Etobicoke York Community Council:

(1) not approve the name, "Pantelis Kalamaris Lane" to identify the lane running westerly from John Street to Elsmere Avenue.

Financial Impact

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

ISSUE BACKGROUND

At its meeting of April 17, 2012, Etobicoke York Community Council adopted item EY15.14. which contained the following recommendations:

Etobicoke York Community Council:

1. Ceremoniously dedicated the portion of John Street between Weston Road and the south limit of the Railway Corridor, in honour of Pantelis Kalamaris.

2. Directed the Director, Transportation Services, Etobicoke York District, in consultation with the Ward Councillor, to alter the street signs on such portion of John Street to reflect both the official street name and the name "Pantelis Kalamaris Gardens ".

3. Requested the City Surveyor to investigate and report back to Etobicoke Community Council on the feasibility of naming the laneway which runs from John Street to Elsmere Avenue as "Pantelis Kalamaris Lane."

These recommendations were the result of an application from Peter Kalamaris to honour the memory of his late father Pantelis Kalamaris, a longtime resident and community business member. Mr. Kalamaris passed away in October 2011.

According to the application, Pantelis Kalamaris, was a noteworthy member of the community of Weston since 1961. After emigrating from Greece and obtaining his Canadian citizenship, he settled in the village of Weston and established three businesses in Weston, including Peter's Barber Shop located at 4 John Street.

COMMENTS

The proposed name "Pantelis Kalamaris Lane" has been circulated for comment to the Preservation Panel, Police Services, Fire Services and Emergency Medical Services. No objections were received. Councillor Nunziata supports the name.

The proposed name "Pantelis Kalamaris Lane" does not comply with the Honourific and Street Naming Policy because it uses both the first and last names of the individual being recognized. The Policy states in part that "Only a person's last name should be used as a street name unless additional identification is necessary to prevent a duplication with an existing street name in Toronto and surrounding municipalities."

Also, the Policy states in part that "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." Mr. Kalamaris passed away in October 2011.

Due to these factors and non-compliance with the Policy, it is recommended that the name "Pantelis Kalamaris 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

CONTACT

Kerry Ferguson Supervisor, Titles and Status
Phone: 416-392-7757, Fax: 416-392-0081, E-mail: kferguso@toronto.ca

SIGNATURE

W. (Wally) Kowalenko
City Surveyor

ATTACHMENT

Attachment No. 1 - Location Map

Attachment No. 1

