

Naming of Proposed Public Street Between Wilson Avenue and George Appleton Way

Date:	October 19, 2012
To:	North York Community Council
From:	Acting City Surveyor
Wards:	Ward 9
Reference Number:	P:\2012\Cluster B\TEC\ NY12038

SUMMARY

This report responds to a request from Councillor Augimeri to name the proposed public street between Wilson Avenue and George Appleton Way, as "James Finlay Way".

This report recommends that the name not be approved by North York Community Council because it does not comply with the City of Toronto Street Naming Policy, and because of objections to the name received from Emergency Medical Services and Police Services.

Community Councils have delegated authority to give final approval to street names if they comply with Policy.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Technical Services recommends that:

- (1) North York Community Council not approve the name, "James Finlay Way" to identify the proposed public street between Wilson Avenue and George Appleton Way.

Financial Impact

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

ISSUE BACKGROUND

We have a request from Councillor Augimeri to name the proposed public street between Wilson Avenue and George Appleton Way as "James Finlay Way". According to Councillor Augimeri, James Finlay, a Parks Supervisor who passed away in 2008,

worked tirelessly and assisted with the cleanup efforts after the August 2008 propane explosion in Ward 9. The family of James Finlay have been contacted and support the naming proposal.

COMMENTS

The proposed name was compared to 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) and found to be in non-compliance because it is similar to an existing street name, "Findlay Boulevard" and because it uses both first and last names of the individual. The Policy states:

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

"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"

The proposed name was circulated to first responders, the local preservation panel, and the local Councillor. It was acceptable to Fire Services and the North York Preservation Panel. Councillor Augimeri supported the name. Police Services objected to the name because there are 7 existing streets which begin with "James". Emergency Medical Services objected to the name because it is similar sounding to "Findlay Boulevard" in North York.

Due to non-compliance with the Policy, as well as objections raised by Police Services and Emergency Medical Services, it is recommended that the name "James Finlay Way" not be approved.

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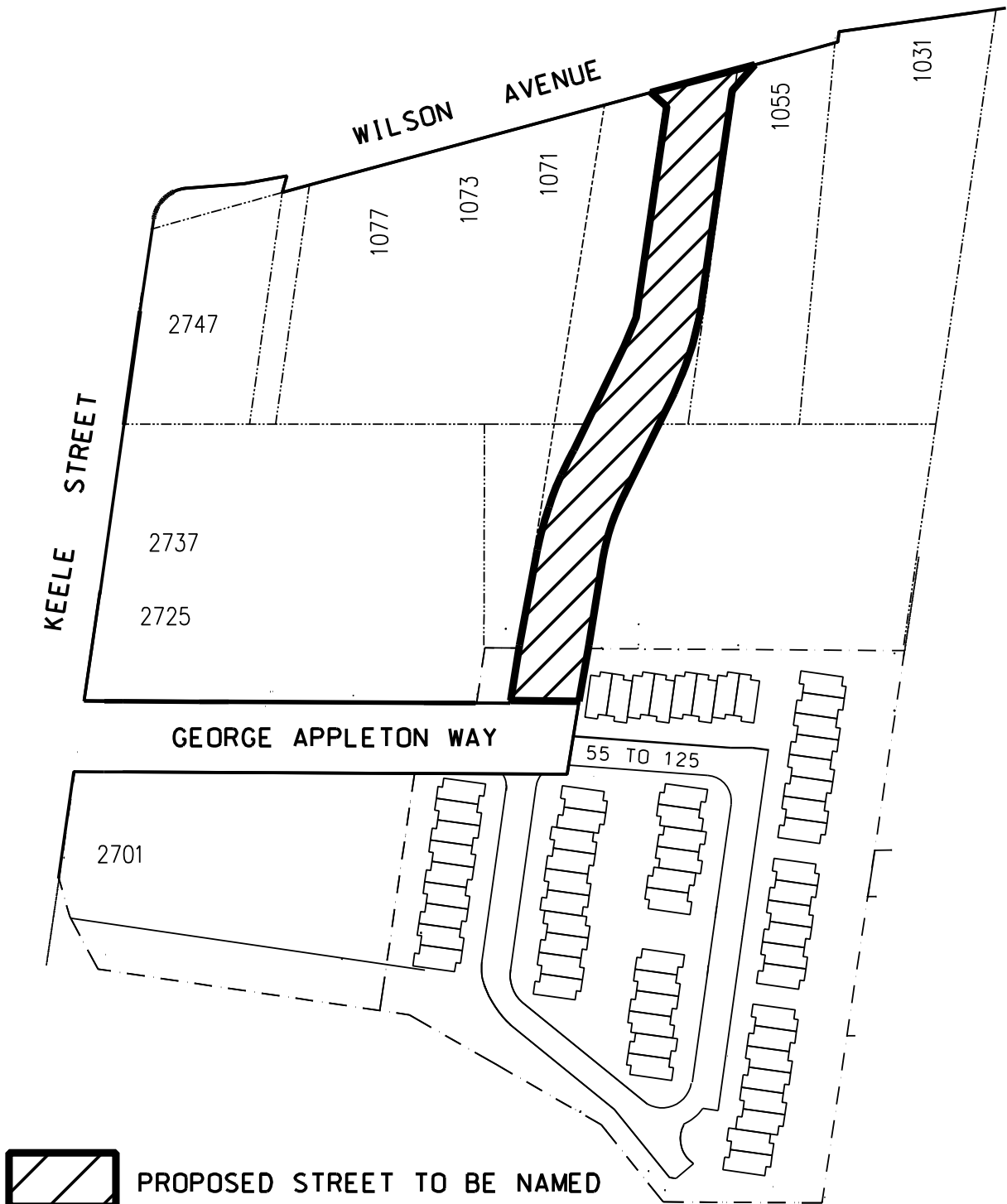
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SIGNATURE

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ATTACHMENT

Attachment No. 1 -Location Map



PROPOSED STREET TO BE NAMED



Proposed Name – James Finlay Way



CITY OF TORONTO
SURVEY AND MAPPING SERVICES
MAP: 48M-21 SEPTEMBER 16, 2009
PETHERHILL.DGN WARD 9
FILE: 1902.22.09 DRAWN: B. HALL