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STAFF REPORT
ACTION REQUIRED

Naming of Public Lane Bounded by Dewhurst Boulevard, Danforth Avenue, Langford Avenue and Aldwych Avenue

Date:	April 5, 2012
To:	Toronto and East York Community Council
From:	City Surveyor
Wards:	Ward 29
Reference Number:	P:\2012\Cluster B\TEC\TE12012

SUMMARY

This staff report concerns an application to name the public lane bounded by Dewhurst Boulevard, Danforth Avenue, Langford Avenue and Aldwych Avenue.

The proposed name does not fully comply with the naming policy and must be forwarded to City Council for final approval.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The City Surveyor recommends that:

(1) City Council name the public lane bounded by Dewhurst Boulevard, Danforth Avenue, Langford Avenue and Aldwych Avenue, "Dew Lang Lane"; 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

We have a request from a local resident to name the public lane bounded by Dewhurst Boulevard, Danforth Avenue, Langford Avenue and Aldwych Avenue, "Dew Lang Lane". The public lane is illustrated on Attachment No. 1.

According to the applicant, the name "Dew Lang" has been used for many years by the residents whose homes back onto the lane. The name comprises parts of the two streets Dewhurst (Dew) and Langford (Lang). There is an annual neighbourhood lane party

called "DewLang DewLang", and there is a strong desire among neighbours to have the lane named prior to this year's 10th Annual Dewlang Dewlang celebration on June 24th.

COMMENTS

The proposed name has been circulated for comment and is acceptable to Fire Services, Emergency Medical Services, the Toronto East York Preservation Panel and Councillor Fragedakis. Police Services have objected to this name as it is too similar to "Dewlane Drive" in North York.

The City of Toronto Street Naming Policy approved by City Council at its meeting held on August 1, 2, 3 and 4, 2000 and amended May 30, 31 and June 1, 2001, states in part that "Similar sounding names such as Beach Avenue and Peach Avenue, or Apple Hill Road and Apple Road should be avoided".
Link to policy - http://www.toronto.ca/mapping/street_naming/index.htm

The proposed name "Dew Lang Lane" will strengthen neighbourhood identity, however, since Police Services does not support the name the proposal will require City Council approval.

This naming application pre-dates the new naming policy adopted by City Council at its meeting of November 30 and December 1, 2011.

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ATTACHMENT - MAP

Attachment No. 1

