



**STAFF REPORT
ACTION REQUIRED**

Naming of Public Lanes – Harbord Village (Phase 2)

Date:	June 4, 2012
To:	Toronto East York Community Council
From:	City Surveyor
Wards:	Ward 20
Reference Number:	P:\2012\Cluster B\TEC\ TE12019

SUMMARY

This report summarizes the comments on the proposed names for ten public lanes in the Harbord Village area, bounded by Bloor Street West, Spadina Avenue, College Street and Bathurst Street and recommends that Toronto East York Community Council not approve the names.

Community Council has delegated authority to name streets in conformity to the City of Toronto Street Naming Policy.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The City Surveyor recommends that Toronto East York Community Council:

- (1) not approve the names, "David French Lane", "Alan Powell Lane", "Albert Jackson Lane", "Douglas Campbell Lane", "Barker Fairley Lane", "Boys of Major Lane", "Barbara Godard Lane", "William James Lane", "Leah Cohen Lane", and "Barbara Barrett Lane".

Financial Impact

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

ISSUE BACKGROUND

The naming proposal is the next phase of a project initiated by the Harbord Village Residents Association to name public lanes in the area bounded by Bloor Street West, Spadina Avenue, College Street and Bathurst Street. To date, six lanes have been named. This report provides comments on ten additional names for the lanes set out in Attachments 1 and 2. The Harbord Village Residents Association has provided the background information on the proposed names as set out in Attachment 3.

COMMENTS

The proposed names have been circulated for comment to Councillor Vaughan, the Toronto and East York Preservation Panel, Police Services, Fire Services and Emergency Medical Services.

The ten proposed names "David French Lane", "Alan Powell Lane", "Albert Jackson Lane", "Douglas Campbell Lane", "Barker Fairley Lane", "Boys of Major Lane", "Barbara Godard Lane", "William James Lane", "Leah Cohen Lane", and "Barbara Barrett Lane" are not supported by Police Services and Emergency Medical Services since the proposed names sound similar to other streets in Toronto. 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 in part that "Similar sounding names such as Beach Avenue and Peach Avenue, or Apple Hill Road and Apple Road should be avoided."

As well, nine of the ten proposed names do not comply with the Policy because they use both the first and last names of the individuals 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."

Due to the objections raised by Police Services and Emergency Medical Services, and the non-compliance with the Policy of nine of the names, it is recommended that the names "David French Lane", "Alan Powell Lane", "Albert Jackson Lane", "Douglas Campbell Lane", "Barker Fairley Lane", "Boys of Major Lane", "Barbara Godard Lane", "William James Lane", "Leah Cohen Lane", and "Barbara Barrett Lane" not be approved

The comments received from the stakeholders on the proposed names are set out in detail in Attachment 4.

This naming application pre-dates the new naming policy adopted by City Council at its meeting of November 30 and December 1, 2011. The policy can be found at: http://www.toronto.ca/mapping/street_naming/index.htm

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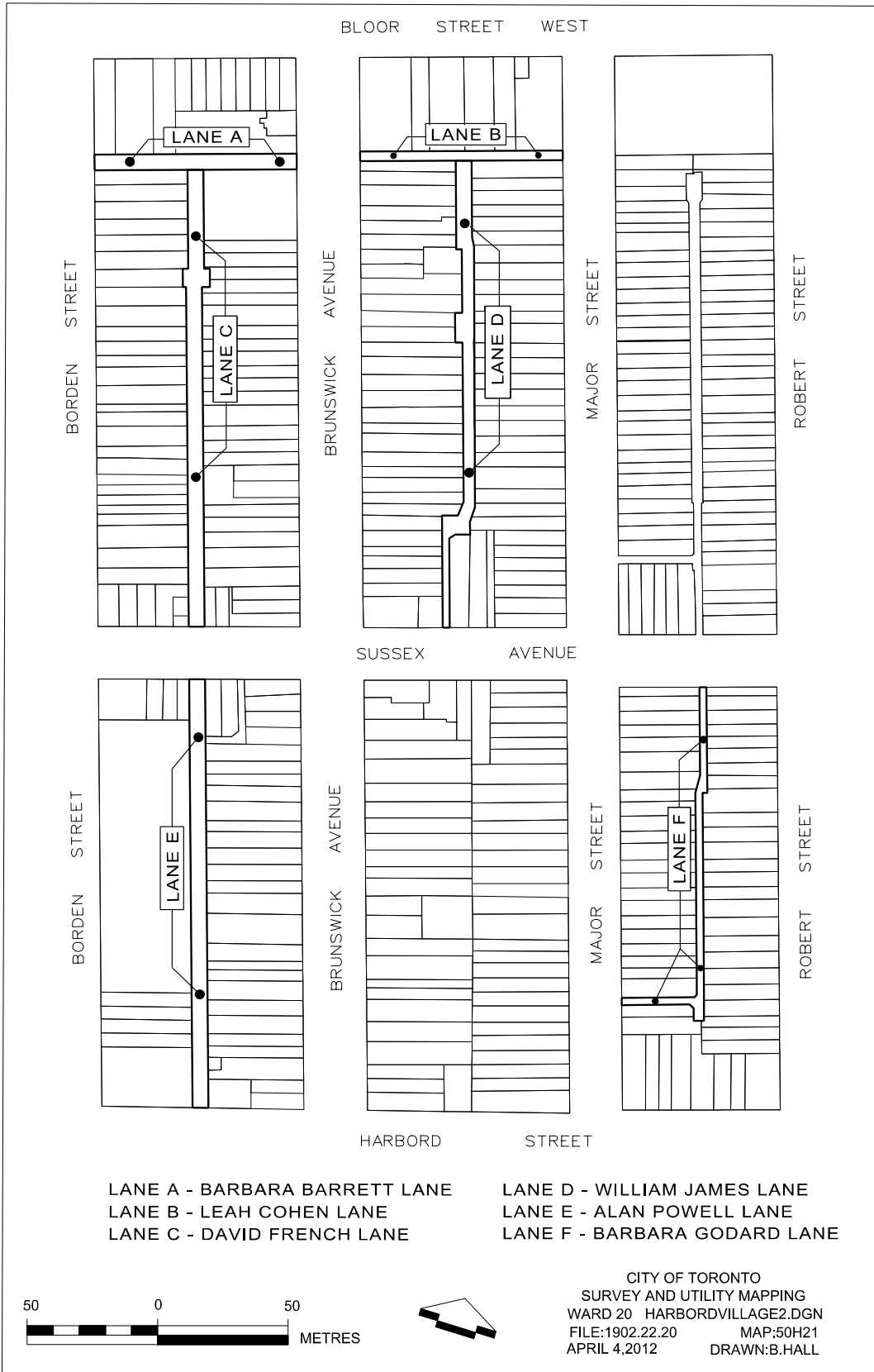
ATTACHMENT

Attachment No. 1 and 2 - Location Maps

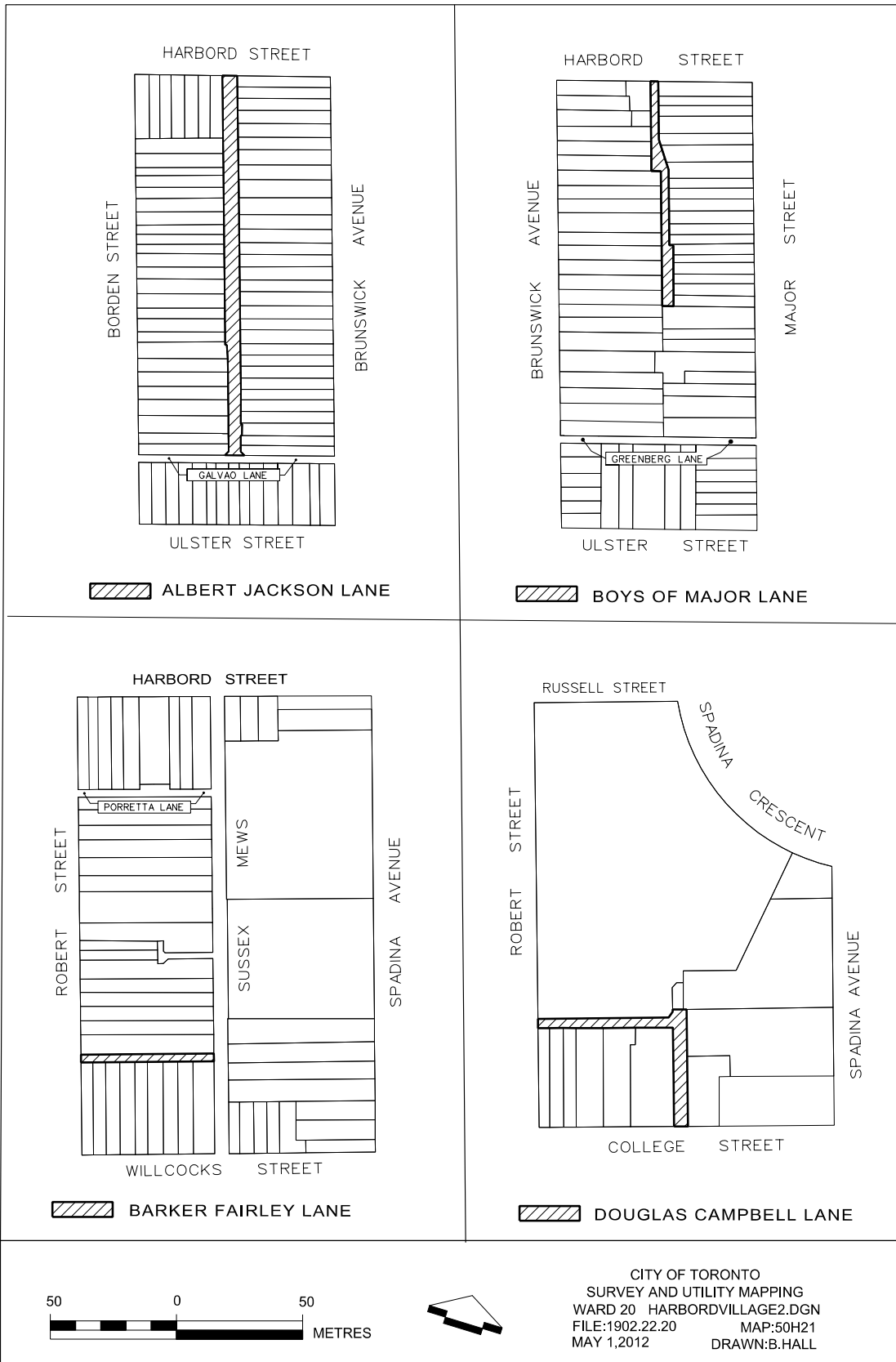
Attachment No. 3 – Background Information

Attachment No. 4 – Compliance Status and Comments from Stakeholders

Attachment No. 1



Attachment No. 2



Attachment No. 3

"David French Lane" – David French was one of our great Canadian playwrights. He lived at 254 Brunswick and died in 2010.

"Alan Powell Lane" – Alan Powell lived for many years at 200 Brunswick Avenue and his garage was situated on east side of this laneway. He was a University of Toronto professor, a promoter of the arts in Canada and a social activist. From 1969-1971 he worked with Jane Jacobs as Chairman of the Committee to "Stop Spadina", an expressway through the heart of downtown Toronto. Alan also founded the Hepatitis C Society of Canada in 1994.

"Albert Jackson Lane" – Albert Jackson was a child slave whose family escaped from the US in the 1850s. Albert Jackson became Toronto's first black postman around the end of the 19th century. He is mentioned in Karolyn Smard-Frost's Governor General Award-winning book "I've Got a Home in Gloryland".

"Douglas Campbell Lane" – Douglas Campbell with Sir Tyrone Guthrie founded the Stratford Festival in 1952. He was a hugely talented actor and lived for 30 years on Brunswick Avenue.

"Barker Fairley Lane" – Barker Fairley lived on Willcocks Street. He was a writer, poet, and professor of German studies at the University of Toronto. He also created the university newspaper. He received an Order of Canada in 1978 and died in his 100th year.

"Boys of Major Lane" – This name memorialized several young men of Major Street who fought in the Second World War, at least 4 losing their lives. These boys were among the earliest to enlist, some lying about their age, 17 year olds going to war.

"Barbara Godard Lane" – Barbara was a stalwart community supporter, including an active involvement in the earlier Resident's Association SURA. She was also a successful author and was internationally recognized for her literary scholarship in her field, earned through long professorial tenure at York University.

"William James Lane" – William James lived at 250 Major Street He photographed Toronto streets and city life in the early part of the 20th century. There are approximately 10,000 photos and slides in the Toronto Archives, all taken by William James.

"Leah Cohen Lane" – Leah Cohen lived and worked in Harbord Village from 1976 until her untimely demise from cancer in 2007. Leah was one of the earlier generation of Canadian feminist writers, authoring two books: *The Secret Oppression: Sexual Harassment of Working Women* and *Small Expectations: Society's Betrayal of Older Women*.

"Barbara Barrett Lane" – Barbara Barrett was founder of the Toronto School of Art. Under her guidance the school provided independent but classically oriented art instruction to hundreds of students...The school Barbara founded continues to this day near Spadina and Adelaide.

Attachment No. 4

Suggested Names	Compliance Status and Stakeholder Comments
David French Lane (deceased)	<p><u>Compliance Status:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does not comply with Policy – <i>"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."</i> – This use of two names is not necessary to avoid a duplication. • Does not comply with Policy – <i>"Similar sounding names should be avoided."</i> This is similar sounding to David Drive (Scarborough), David Dunlap Circle (North York), French Avenue (Scarborough), French Avenue (York) <p><u>Stakeholder Comments</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Police – Objection – already have David Drive (Scarborough), David Dunlap Circle (North York), French Avenue (Scarborough), French Avenue (York) • Fire – No objection • EMS – Objection – already have David Drive (Scarborough), David Dunlap Circle (North York), French Ave (Scarborough), French Avenue (York) • Preservation Panel – No objection • Councillor – No objection
Alan Powell Lane (deceased)	<p><u>Compliance Status:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does not comply with Policy – <i>"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."</i> – This use of two names is not necessary to avoid a duplication. • Does not comply with Policy – <i>"Similar sounding names should be avoided."</i> This is similar sounding to Allan Park Road (Etobicoke), Powell Avenue (North York), Powell Road (North York). <p><u>Stakeholder Comments:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Police – No Objection • Fire – No objection • EMS – Objection – already have Allan Park Road (Etobicoke), Powell Avenue (North York), Powell Road (North York) • Preservation Panel – No objection • Councillor – No objection

<p>Albert Jackson Lane (deceased)</p>	<p><u>Compliance Status:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does not comply with Policy – <i>"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."</i> – This use of two names is not necessary to avoid a duplication. • Does not comply with Policy – <i>"Similar sounding names should be avoided."</i> This is similar sounding to Albert Street (Toronto), Alberta Avenue (Toronto), Alberta Circle (Toronto), Canon Jackson Drive (North York), Jackson Avenue (Etobicoke), Jackson Road (Etobicoke), Jackson Place (Toronto). <p><u>Stakeholder Comments</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Police – Objection – already have Albert Avenue (Etobicoke), Albert Street (Toronto), Jackson Avenue (Etobicoke), Jackson Place (Toronto), Jackson Road (Etobicoke) • Fire – No objection • EMS – Objection – already have Albert Street (Toronto), Alberta Avenue (Toronto), Alberta Circle (Toronto), Canon Jackson Drive (North York), Jackson Avenue (Etobicoke), Jackson Road (Etobicoke), Jackson Place (Toronto) • Preservation Panel – No objection • Councillor – No objection
<p>Douglas Campbell Lane (deceased)</p>	<p><u>Compliance Status:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does not comply with Policy – <i>"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."</i> – This use of two names is not necessary to avoid a duplication. • Does not comply with Policy – <i>"Similar sounding names should be avoided."</i> This is similar sounding to Douglas Avenue (Toronto), Douglas Crescent (East York), Douglas Boulevard (Etobicoke), Douglas Drive (Toronto), Tommy Douglas Gardens (York), Campbell Avenue (Toronto), Campbell Crescent (North York). <p><u>Stakeholder Comments:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Police – Objection – already have Douglas Avenue (Toronto), Douglas Crescent (East York), Douglas Boulevard (Etobicoke), Douglas Drive (Toronto), Campbell Avenue (Toronto), Campbell Crescent (North York) • Fire – No objection • EMS – Objection – already have Douglas Avenue (Toronto), Douglas Crescent (East York), Douglas Boulevard (Etobicoke), Campbell Avenue (Toronto), Campbell Crescent (North York) • Preservation Panel – No Objection

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Barker Fairley Lane (deceased)	<p><u>Compliance Status:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does not comply with Policy – <i>"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."</i> – This use of two names is not necessary to avoid a duplication. • Does not comply with Policy – <i>"Similar sounding names should be avoided."</i> This is similar sounding to Barker Avenue (Etobicoke), Barker Avenue (East York), Fairleigh Crescent (Toronto). <p><u>Stakeholder Comments:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Police – Objection – already have Fairleigh Crescent (Toronto) • Fire – No objection • EMS – Objection – already have Barker Avenue (Etobicoke) and Barker Avenue (East York) • Preservation Panel – No Objection • Councillor – No objection
Boys Of Major Lane	<p><u>Compliance Status:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complies with Policy – "to honour and commemorate noteworthy persons associated with the City of Toronto." <p><u>Stakeholder Comments:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Police – No Objection • Fire – No objection • EMS – Objection – already have Major Oak Terrace (Scarborough), Major Street (Toronto) • Preservation Panel – No Objection • Councillor – No objection
Barbara Godard Lane (deceased)	<p><u>Compliance Status:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does not comply with Policy – <i>"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."</i> – This use of two names is not necessary to avoid a duplication. <p><u>Stakeholder Comments:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Police – No Objection • Fire – No objection • EMS – Objection – already have Barbara Crescent (East York), Goddard Street (North York) • Preservation Panel – No Objection

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councillor – No objection
<p>William James Lane (deceased)</p>	<p><u>Compliance Status:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does not comply with Policy – <i>"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."</i> – This use of two names is not necessary to avoid a duplication. • Does not comply with Policy – <i>"Similar sounding names should be avoided."</i> This is similar sounding to William Carson Crescent (North York), William Cragg Drive (North York), William Hancox Avenue (Toronto), William Kitchen Road (Scarborough), William Poole Way (private – North York), William R Allen Road (North York), William Street (York), Flos Williams Lane (Toronto), James Foxway (private – North York), James Gray Drive (North York), James Park Square (Scarborough), James Stock Path (Etobicoke), James Street (Etobicoke), James Street (Toronto). <p><u>Stakeholder Comments:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Police – Objection – already have William Carson Crescent (North York), William Cragg Drive (North York), William Hancox Avenue (Toronto), William Kitchen Road (Scarborough), William Poole Way (private – North York), William R Allen Road (North York), William Street (York), Flos Williams Lane (Toronto), James Foxway (private – North York), James Gray Drive (North York), James Park Square (Scarborough), James Stock Path (Etobicoke), James Street (Etobicoke), James Street (Toronto), • Fire – No objection • EMS – Objection – already have William Carson Crescent (North York), William Cragg Drive (North York), William Hancox Avenue (Toronto), William Kitchen Road (Scarborough), William Poole Way (private – North York), William R Allen Road (North York), William Street (York), Flos Williams Lane (Toronto), James Foxway (private – North York), James Gray Drive (North York), James Park Square (Scarborough), James Stock Path (Etobicoke), James Street (Etobicoke), James Street (Toronto), • Preservation Panel – No Objection • Councillor – No objection
<p>Leah Cohen Lane (deceased)</p>	<p><u>Compliance Status:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does not comply with Policy – <i>"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."</i> – This use of two names is not necessary to avoid a duplication. <p><u>Stakeholder Comments:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Police – No Objection • Fire – No objection

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Barbara Barrett Lane (deceased)	<p><u>Compliance Status:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does not comply with Policy – <i>"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."</i> – This use of two names is not necessary to avoid a duplication. • Does not comply with Policy – <i>"Similar sounding names should be avoided."</i> This is similar sounding to Barbara Crescent (East York) and Barrett Road (East York). <p><u>Stakeholder Comments:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Police – No Objection • Fire – No objection • EMS – Objection – already have Barrett Road (East York), Barbara Crescent (East York) • Preservation Panel – No Objection • Councillor – No objection