STAFF REPORT
ACTION REQUIRED

Naming of Public Lane at Dufferin Street and College Street, "Dragon Alley"

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SUMMARY

This report concerns the naming of the public lane at Dufferin Street and College Street and recommends that "Dragon Alley" not be used as the name is similar to existing street names within the City.

Community Councils have delegated authority to decide street naming matters in accordance with the City of Toronto Honourific and Street Naming Naming Policy.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Technical Services recommends that Toronto East York Community Council:

(1) not approve the name, "Dragon Alley" to identify the public lane at Dufferin Street and College Street.

Financial Impact

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

ISSUE BACKGROUND

At its meeting of May 15, 2012, Toronto and East York Community Council (TE16.66) directed the City Surveyor to report on the naming of the public lane at Dufferin Street and College Street, "Dragon Alley".


COMMENTS

The proposed name has been circulated for comment to the Toronto and East York Preservation Panel, Police Services, Fire Services and Emergency Medical Services.
The proposed name "Dragon Alley" is not supported by Police Services, Fire Services and Emergency Medical Services because it sounds similar to Dragonfly Crescent and Dragoon Crescent, two existing streets in Toronto. There were no objections from the Preservation Panel.

Councillor Bailao supports the name.

The proposed name "Dragon Alley" does not comply with the Honourific and Street Naming Policy because Section 6.3.1.2 states in part that "Similar sounding names such as Beach Avenue and Peach Avenue, or Apple Hill Road and Apple Road should be avoided." The proposed name is similar sounding to Dragonfly Crescent, Snapdragon Drive, and Dragoon Crescent.

From an operational standpoint, it is desirable that the street type designation accurately reflect the nature of the entity being named. For this reason, Section 6.3.2 states in part that the City Surveyor shall determine the appropriate street type designation. The term "alley" is most commonly used to designate a narrow passageway primarily for pedestrian use. This is a public lane primarily for vehicular use. For this reason, any name given should use the street type designation "Lane" so as to clearly identify this as a public lane.

Due to the objections raised by Police Services, Fire Services and Emergency Medical Services, and non-compliance with the Policy, it is recommended that the name "Dragon Alley" 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

Attachment 1 defines the lane in question.

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ATTACHMENT
Attachment No. 1 - Location Map