STAFF REPORT
ACTION REQUIRED

Naming of Public Lanes – Harbord Village (Phase 3)

Date: August 21, 2012
To: Toronto and East York Community Council
From: City Surveyor
Wards: Ward 20
Reference Number: P:\2012\Cluster B\TEC\ TE12029

SUMMARY

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

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

RECOMMENDATIONS

Technical Services recommends that:

(1) Toronto East York Community Council not approve the names, "James Hale Lane", "Lewis Family Lane", "Antonio Fernandes Lane", "Cyril Lane", "Chapel Hospice Lane", "Grimsby Dairy Lane" and "Katharine Hockin Lane”.

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

ISSUE BACKGROUND
This is the final phase of project initiated by the Harbord Village Residents Association to name the public lanes in the area bounded by Bloor Street West, Spadina Avenue, College Street and Bathurst Street. To date, 16 lanes have been named. This report provides comments on seven additional names for the lanes set out in Attachments 1, 2 and 3. The Harbord Village Residents Association has provided the background information on the proposed names as set out in Attachment 4.

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.

Six of the proposed names, "James Hales Lane", "Lewis Family Lane", "Antonio Fernandes Lane", "Chapel Hospice Lane", "Grimsby Dairy Lane" and "Katharine Hockin Lane" are not supported by Police Services and Emergency Medical Services since the proposed names sound similar to other streets in Toronto. These names do not comply with 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), which states that "Similar sounding names such as Beach Avenue and Peach Avenue, or Apple Hill Road and Apple Road should be avoided."

The Policy also states that "Only a person's last name should be used as a street name unless additional identification is necessary to prevent 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 of the names with the Policy, it is recommended that the names "James Hales Lane", "Lewis Family Lane", "Antonio Fernandes Lane", "Cyril Lane", "Chapel Hospice Lane", "Grimsby Dairy Lane" and "Katharine Hockin Lane" not be approved.

The comments received from the stakeholders on the proposed names are set out in Attachment 5.

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**
Attachment No. 1, 2 and 3 - Location Maps
Attachment No. 4 – Background Information
Attachment No. 5 – Compliance Status and Comments from Stakeholders
Attachment No. 1

Lane Naming – Harbord Village Phase 3

- Lane A - James Hales Lane
- Lane B - Antonio Fernandes Lane
- Lane C - Lewis Family Lane
- Lane D - Cyril Lane

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SURVEY AND UTILITY MAPPING
WARD 30: HARBORDVILLAGE3G
FILE:1920.22.0
MAP:50401
JULY 27, 2012
DRAWING HALL
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Attachment No. 4

"James Hales Lane" – James Hales was a carpenter/joiner who built houses on Brunswick Avenue, Borden Street and Lippincott Street circa 1900.

"Lewis Family Lane” – Harry and Mary Lewis moved to Major Street in 1964 and raised three sons. They were hard working immigrants and only one of two families of Chinese descent in this community at the time. The house is still occupied by one of the sons and his family.

"Antonio Fernandes Lane" – The Fernandes family owned a house on Lippincott Street but lived on Borden Street and later on Brunswick Avenue. Antonio was the original immigrant and was a subway tunnel worker and pioneer CN rail worker.

"Cyril Lane" – Cyril Greenland was a longstanding resident of the community whose generosity of spirit and kindness impacted many in the neighbourhood.

"Chapel Hospice Lane" – In 1889 the Sisters of St. John built the historic St. John's House on Major Street and their Chapel of St. John the Divine, now being reborn as the Kensington Hospice.

"Grimsby Dairy Lane" – This name memorializes the Grimsby Dairy at 108-110 Robert Street. John Locke founded and operated the dairy from this laneway in the early 20th century.

"Katharine Hockin Lane" – This name honours an important minister at St. Paul’s United Church.
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| James Hales Lane (deceased)    | **Compliance Status:**  
  • Does not comply with Policy – "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." This use of two names is not necessary to avoid a duplication.  
**Stakeholder Comments**  
  • Police – Objection – "Too many streets already begin with James and already have a street that begins with Hale."  
  • Fire – No objection  
  • EMS – Objection – "Too many names with James in them."  
  • Preservation Panel – No objection  
  • Councillor – No objection |
| Lewis Family Lane               | **Compliance Status:**  
  • Does not comply with Policy – "Similar sounding names ... should be avoided." This name is similar sounding to Lewis Street (Toronto)  
  • Does not comply with Policy – "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." This use of "Family" is not necessary to avoid a duplication.  
  • Does not comply with Policy – "Names of living persons should be used only in exceptional circumstances." Members of this family currently reside in the neighbourhood.  
**Stakeholder Comments**  
  • Police – Objection – "Already have streets that begin with Lewis."  
  • Fire – No objection  
  • EMS – No Objection  
  • Preservation Panel – No objection  
  • Councillor – No objection |
| Antonio Fernandes Lane (deceased) | **Compliance Status:**  
  • Does not comply with Policy – "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." This use of two names is not necessary to avoid a duplication.  
**Stakeholder Comments**  
  • Police – No Objection  
  • Fire – No objection  
  • EMS – Objection – "Too many names similar to Antonio in surrounding municipalities."  
  • Preservation Panel – No objection  
  • Councillor – No objection |
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| Cyril Lane (deceased)   | • Does not comply with Policy – "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." This name is actually the first name of an individual, not the last name. | • Police – No Objection  
• Fire – No objection  
• EMS – No Objection  
• Preservation Panel – No Objection  
• Councillor – No Objection |
| Chapel Hospice Lane      | • Does not comply with Policy - "Similar sounding names ... should be avoided." Similar sounding to Chapel Park Square (Scarborough), and Chapel Road (Etobicoke) | • Police – Objection – "Already have a few streets that begin with Chapel."  
• Fire – No objection  
• EMS – No Objection  
• Preservation Panel – No Objection  
• Councillor – No objection |
| Grimsby Dairy Lane       | • Does not comply with Policy - "Similar sounding names ... should be avoided." Similar sounding to Grimsby Court (Etobicoke), and Dairy Drive (Scarborough) | • Police – Objection – Already have streets called Grimsby and Dairy."  
• Fire – No objection  
• EMS – Objection – "Already have a Grimbsy Ct in Etobicoke and Dairy Dr in Scarborough."  
• Preservation Panel – No Objection  
• Councillor – No objection |
| Katharine Hockin Lane (deceased) | • Does not comply with Policy - "Similar sounding names ... should be avoided." Similar sounding to Katherine Road (North York) and Hocken Avenue (Toronto). | • Police – Objection – "Already have a Katherine and a Hocken."  
• Fire – No objection  
• EMS – Objection – Katherine Rd in NY  
• Preservation Panel – No Objection  
• Councillor – No objection |