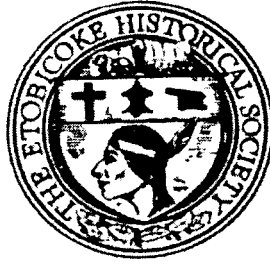


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Executive Committee  
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Dear Deputy Mayor Kelly and Members of the Executive Committee:

**Re: EX36.3 - City of Toronto Honourific and Street Naming Policy**

Street naming is an important way to recognize the heritage of an area of our City. The Etobicoke Historical Society is concerned that the 2011 changes to the policy have resulted in the elimination of many heritage names from consideration. However, the changes currently under consideration by the Committee do not address this concern and the Etobicoke Historical Society recommends that the Executive Committee recommend to Council that the policy be revised slightly so that heritage names can be brought back into full consideration.

It is a positive point that one of the City of Toronto Honourific and Street Naming Policy criteria is that the proposed name commemorates local history. For many years, the City adopted the names of early settlers as names for new public streets, lanes or parks, based on Community Preservation Panel recommendations. However, the revised policy adopted by City Council in 2011 requires written consent of next-of-kin, which in the case of early settlers can be difficult to impossible to obtain. We recommend that heritage names belonging to early settlers, such as those found in the 1878 Historical Illustrated Atlas of the County of York, or in other early documents, should be exempt from the requirement to provide written consent from next-of-kin.

We also recommend that, together with the local councillor, the City of Toronto Honourific and Street Naming Policy should state explicitly that "the respective Community Preservation Panel" be consulted on all naming/renaming proposals, rather

than assuming that this panel will be included in “community and other relevant stakeholders.”

We are therefore recommending the following revisions be made to the proposed amendments to the Honourific and Street Naming Policy (as shown in bold below):

## 5. PRINCIPLES

### 5.2. Eligibility and Criteria

5.2.1. The City shall not grant a naming without the informed written consent of the named party (i.e. individual, group or organization) or the named party’s representative (e.g. estate or next-of-kin), **unless it is a naming after an early settler of the area whose estate or next-of-kin are unknown.**

## 6. PROCEDURE

### 6.1. Naming of Properties and Streets

6.1.2.2. to commemorate local history including **people**, places, events or culture;

6.1.3. Consideration should be given to names of local area or historic significance, **including the names of early settlers of the area.**

### 6.2. Requests for the Honourific Naming/Renaming of City Properties (Other than Streets)

6.2.7. Upon receipt, community and other relevant stakeholders, including the local councillor **and the respective Community Preservation Panel**, shall be consulted on all naming/renaming proposals.

For many community residents, a street named after an early settler - the pioneer who shaped the rural community that grew to become today’s city - provides their only exposure to early local history.

Respectfully submitted,  
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Etobicoke Historical Society  
