January 21, 2013

To: Chair and Members of Etobicoke-York Community Council

From: Councillor Frances Nunziata

Re: Ceremonious Dedication of a portion of Emmett Avenue as "Road to Recovery"

SUMMARY:
In August 2011, the Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care agreed to provide funding for a major redevelopment of the West Park Healthcare Centre. The redevelopment of the hospital facilities will include the construction of a multi-storey building that will accommodate expanded ambulatory services, inpatient rehabilitation and complex continuing care beds, including an anticipated expansion of 51 beds. When completed the redevelopment will result in increased access to health care services for the local community, improvements in specialized rehabilitation care and will respond to the growing health needs of the seniors population.

The major challenge confronting West Park, despite its size and many achievements, is that it is largely invisible and unknown beyond the community. The West Park Healthcare Foundation is aiming at creating a more accessible, convenient, visible and prominent new Gateway Entrance.

As part of this, they would like to ceremoniously dedicate the section of Emmett Avenue, from Eglinton Avenue West to the Eastern boundary of the West Park campus as "Road to Recovery." This is a very fitting name as the hospital is paramount in helping patients overcome serious illness. Additionally the ceremonial dedication will also further promote the hospital for the good work they do there on a daily basis.
RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Approve the ceremonial dedication of the portion of Emmett Avenue, from Eglinton Avenue West to the eastern boundary of the West Park Healthcare Centre boundary, as “Road to Recovery”.

2. Request the General Manager of Transportation Services, in consultation with the Ward Councillor, to alter the street signs on such portion of Emmett Avenue to reflect both the official street name and the name “Road to Recovery”.

Yours Sincerely,

Frances Nunziata
Councillor, Ward 11, York South-Weston