



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Naming of Public Walkway west of Yonge Street extending between Birch Avenue and Alcorn Avenue

Date:	November 27, 2012
To:	Toronto and East York Community Council
From:	Acting City Surveyor
Wards:	Ward 22
Reference Number:	P:\2013\Cluster B\TEC\TE13006

SUMMARY

On November 6, 2012, Toronto and East York Community Council adopted Item TE20.88 requesting the City Surveyor to investigate and report on the suitability of naming the public walkway located west of Yonge Street, extending between Birch Avenue and Alcorn Avenue as "George Herczeg Laneway".

This report recommends that the proposed name "George Herczeg Laneway" not be approved by Toronto and East York Community Council because it does not comply with the City of Toronto Honourific and Street Naming Policy.

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

RECOMMENDATIONS

Technical Services recommends that:

- (1) Toronto and East York Community Council not approve the name, "George Herczeg Laneway" to identify the public walkway located between Birch Avenue and Alcorn Avenue.

Financial Impact

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

ISSUE BACKGROUND

By letter to the City Surveyor dated October 27, 2011, Ron Herczeg, the son of Mr. George Herczeg requested that the public walkway located between Birch Avenue and Alcorn Avenue be named after his father, George Herczeg.

According to the letter, Mr. Herczeg contributed to community as he built and renovated many houses in the area on Woodlawn Avenue, Birch Avenue, MacPherson Avenue, and Alcorn Avenue, to name a few. His office was located for over 35 years at 82 Birch Avenue, in the Yonge and Summerhill area.

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COMMENTS

The proposed name "George Herczeg Laneway" does not comply with Sections 6.1.5 and 6.3.1.2 of the City of Toronto Honourific and Street Naming Policy which state:

"Only a person's last name should be used as a street name unless additional identification is necessary to prevent a duplication with a existing street name in Toronto and surrounding municipalities."

"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 10 streets which already begin with "George".

The proposed name was circulated to first responders, the local preservation panel and Councillor Matlow.

There were no objections from Fire Services or the Toronto and East York Preservation Panel. Councillor Matlow supports the name.

Police Services and Emergency Medical Services objected to the name because there are 10 streets which already begin with "George".

Due to non-compliance with the Policy, it is recommended that the name "George Herczeg Laneway" 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

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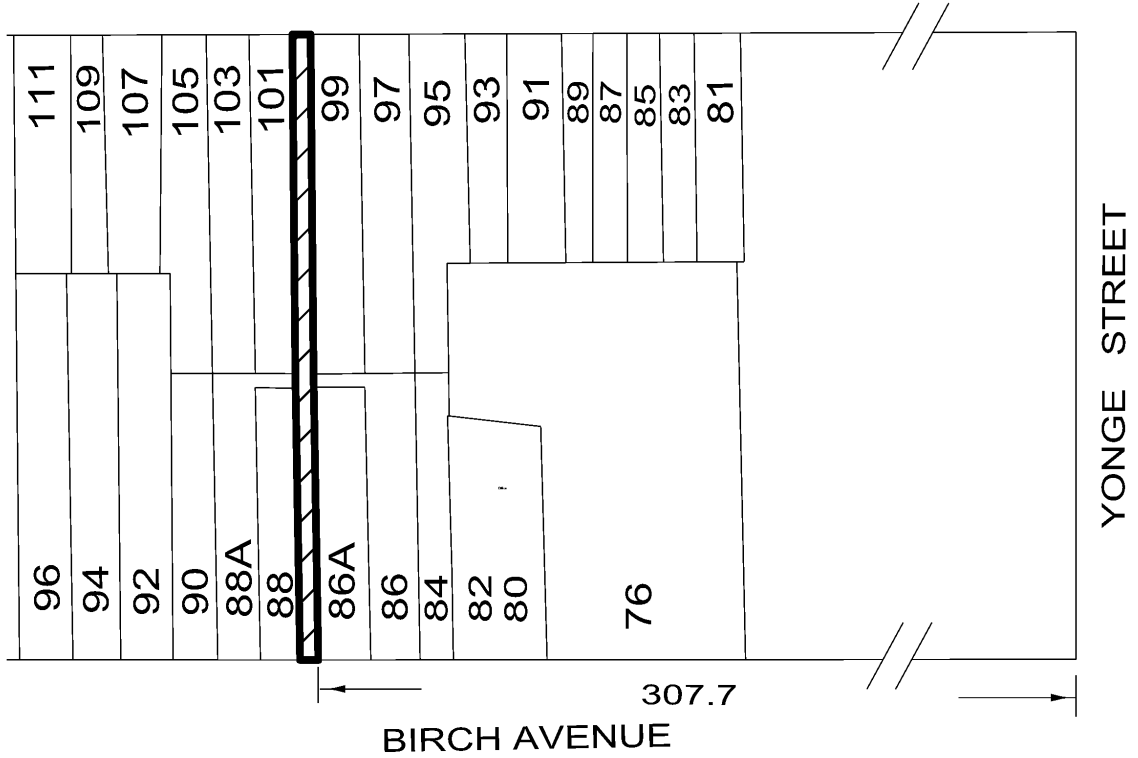
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Survey and Utility Mapping

ATTACHMENT

Attachment No. 1 – Location Map

Attachment No. 1

ALCORN AVENUE



PUBLIC WALKWAY PROPOSED TO BE NAMED



CITY OF TORONTO
SURVEY AND UTILITY MAPPING
WARD 22 OCTOBER 19, 2012
MAP:50J-23 GEORGEHERCZEG.DGN
FILE:1902.22.22 DRAWN:B.HALL