

Naming of a Proposed Private Street at 5365 Dundas Street West (Phase 2)

Date: February 27, 2019

To: Etobicoke York Community Council

From: Director, Engineering Support Services, Engineering and Construction Services

Wards: 3 Etobicoke-Lakeshore

SUMMARY

This report recommends that the name "Samuel Wood Way" be approved to identify a proposed private street at 5365 Dundas Street West.

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

RECOMMENDATIONS

Engineering and Construction Services recommends that Etobicoke York Community Council:

1. Approve the name "Samuel Wood Way" for the proposed private street at 5365 Dundas Street West.
2. Request the applicant to pay the costs, estimated to be \$500.00, for the fabrication and installation of the street name signage; and
3. Request the owner and successors of the subject lands to maintain, at their own risk, the street name signage installed under Recommendation 2 of the report.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There are no financial implications to the City resulting from the adoption of this report. The estimated cost of \$500.00 for the street name signage is to be paid by the applicant.

DECISION HISTORY

This is the first time that this issue is before Community Council.

COMMENTS

An application was received from Concert Properties Ltd. to name the proposed private street located within phase 2 of the development at 5365 Dundas Street West, "Samuel Wood Way" honouring the legacy of Wood family (historical land owners) of the site known as Six Points in Etobicoke.

The following rationale was provided by the applicant:

"Samuel Wood Way"

"According to representatives of the Etobicoke York Community Preservation Panel and Etobicoke Historical Society, Samuel Wood was a silk merchant who moved from England to Philadelphia. There, he developed a process to repair salt-water damaged silk and became very well-off. Samuel Wood relocated to Canada in 1840 and bought a 50-acre lot at Kipling and Bloor. In 1846, he built his large home called "The Maples" with 9 fireplaces, a third floor ballroom and an indoor bathroom. Samuel Wood eventually acquired land on five of the six corners of the Six Points Intersection and the intersection, at the time, was called "Woods Corners". After Samuel died, his four sons lived on four of the corners. Son Arthur lived in "The Maples" which was eventually demolished in the 1960's for a strip mall. The last of the four sons, George P. Wood, had a home called Woodlawn on the lot immediately east of 5365 Dundas Street West. George P. Wood was involved with the Etobicoke Historical Society and many articles were donated by his wife, Gertrude, to the society when he died in 1973. Woodlawn was demolished in the late 1980's for condominium development after Gertrude's death in 1986. We believe having the street named after significant figures in Etobicoke history would be a positive contribution to the area."

The applicant was unable to secure consent of the named party's representative, however, Section 3.10 of the Street Naming Policy allows for the approval of a name without consent, provided reasonable efforts were made to obtain same:

3.10 *"Naming or renaming a Street, or assigning a ceremonial name to a Street, on behalf of an individual, event, or an organization requires the written consent of the named party or the named party's representative."*

3.10.1 *"In circumstances where consent has not been received, despite reasonable efforts, the City, in absence of any refusal to provide consent or legal concerns, may approve the name if the applicant is able to demonstrate efforts to obtain consent to the satisfaction of the City."*

The following demonstrates the efforts made to obtain consent:

Letter dated October 12, 2018 from applicant, Concert Properties Ltd:

"As you are aware, Concert has proposed "Samuel Wood Way" as the name for the Private Street proposed as part of our Phase 2 development at 5365 Dundas Street West. As per your email to Jennifer Glassford in our office on February 2, 2018, and in accordance with the City's Street Naming Policy No. 3.10.1, Concert has undertaken efforts to find a representative from the Wood family.

As noted in our cover letter, dated November 27, 2017, submitted with our street naming application, we corresponded with the Etobicoke York Community Preservation Panel (EYCPP) and the Etobicoke Historical Society (EHS) in the hopes that they could assist us in locating any living descendants of Samuel Wood.

While the EYCPP and EHS were unable to locate any descendants, we learned from the past chair of the EYCPP, Denise Harris, that the Woods were very active at St. George's on-the-Hill church on Dundas Street West between Islington Avenue and Royal York Road. At Ms. Harris' suggestion, we contacted the church to see if there were any living members of the Wood family that are still part of the congregation. Several members of the Church administration, including the Secretary of their Archives Committee, confirmed that a good number of Wood family members are buried at the Church and many had historically been members of the congregation.

An exhaustive search was done by various groups from the church, but unfortunately there are no Wood descendants currently part of the congregation."

Email dated March 6, 2018 from the Parish Administrator St. Georges on the Hill:

"It looks after this long search from various groups in our church, we can't help locating any Woods descendants. We don't have any in our church currently. Sorry that took us so long, but we asked everywhere just to make sure were not bypassing anyone."

The proposed name has been circulated for comment and is acceptable to Toronto Police Service, Toronto Fire Services, Toronto Paramedic Services and Councillor Grimes.

The lane is shown as PART 1 on Attachment No.1 Sketch No. PS-2019-020.

This naming proposal complies with the City of Toronto Street Naming Policy.
[Street Naming Policy](#)

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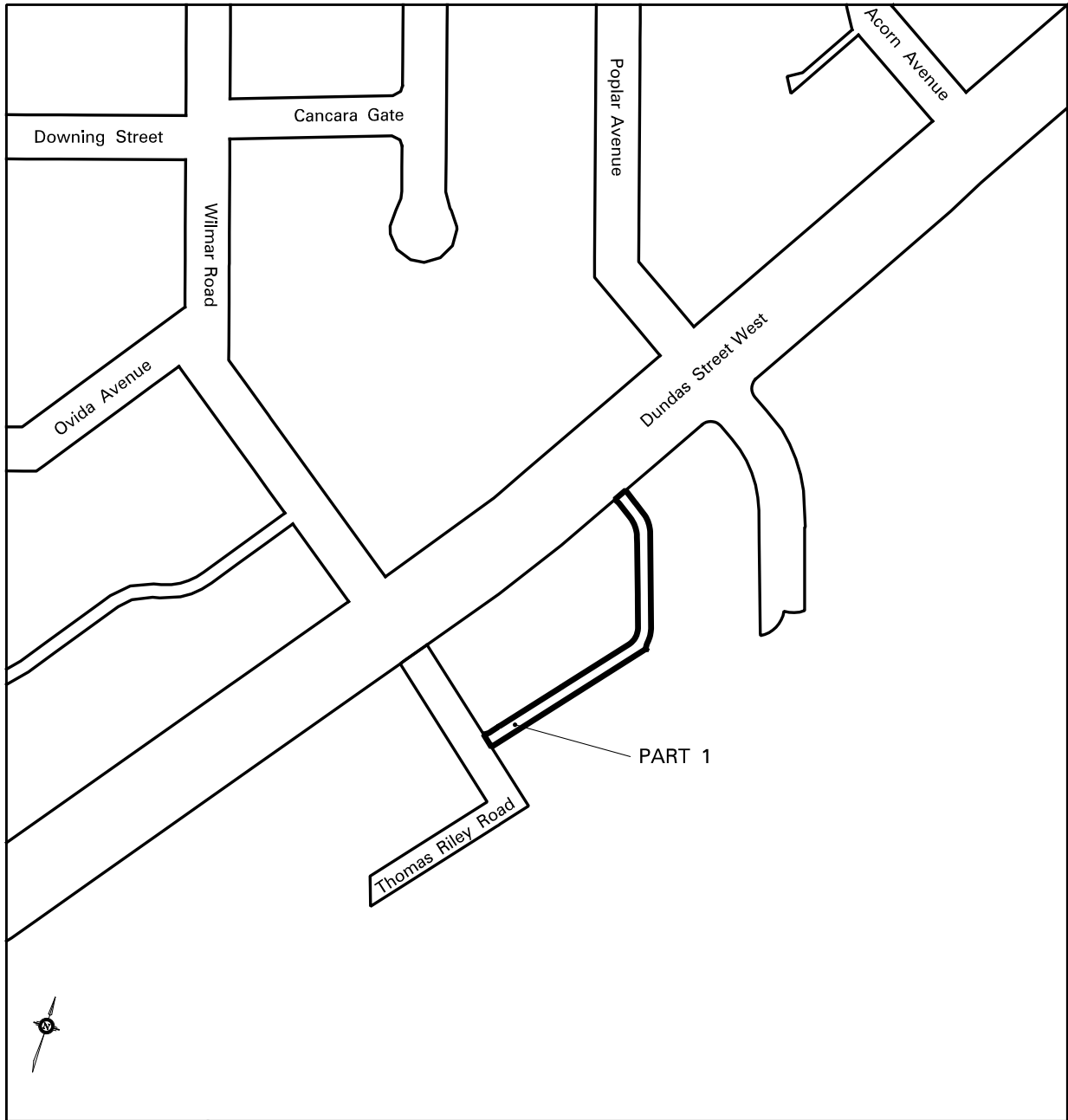
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ATTACHMENT

Attachment No. 1 Sketch No. PS-2019-020

Attachment No. 1 Sketch No. PS-2019-020, showing the location of the proposed private street at 5365 Dundas Street West. The street is located west of Subway Crescent, extending southerly from Dundas Street West.



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PROPERTY INFORMATION SHEET
NAMING OF A PROPOSED PRIVATE STREET AT
5635 DUNDAS STREET WEST (PHASE 2)

WARD 3 – ETOBICOKE-LAKESHORE
DATE: FEBRUARY 11, 2019

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