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REPORT FOR ACTION

Naming of an Existing Public Lane North of Davenport Road, Extending Between Regal Road and Oakwood Avenue

Date: February 27, 2019

To: Toronto and East York Community Council

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

Wards: 9 Davenport

SUMMARY

This report recommends that the name "Edward McIlwain Lane" be approved to identify an existing public lane north of Davenport Road, extending between Regal Road and Oakwood Avenue.

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 Toronto and East York Community Council:

1. Approve the name "Edward McIlwain Lane" for an existing public lane north of Davenport Road, extending between Regal Road and Oakwood Avenue.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The cost to install two street name signs is approximately \$500 and is included within the Transportation Services Division Operating Budget

DECISION HISTORY

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

COMMENTS

An application was received on May 28, 2018 from a resident to name the existing lane north of Davenport Road, extending between Regal Road and Oakwood Avenue, "Edward McIlwain Lane", in honour of a beloved and well respected member of the Regal Heights Community.

"Edward McIlwain Lane"

"Edward McIlwain lived at 1380 Davenport for over fifty years. He came to Toronto from Thunder Bay in 1962. He and his wife Mary, raised four girls, Linda, Cindy, Kelley and Beverley. They attended Regal Road School and Winona Public School and then went on to further education. They all still live in the neighbourhood.

"Ed" (as he was known to everybody) worked for 40 years as a Plasterer. All houses in that period had plaster walls and ceilings. "Ed" became an artist in his craft as a plasterer and he would get calls long after he retired.

Edward McIlwain was a friend to everybody and everybody knew of his warm generous spirit. He was always helping others or the community, never missing an opportunity to contribute. He instilled this social conscience in his daughters and his grandchildren who still live close by.

When walking became a problem in his retirement, he drove a scooter and continued in his usual kind manner. Edward was predeceased by his wife and he died in 2013.

We wish to honour a remarkable man who befriended everyone and helped where he could, leaving a legacy of a family with his attributes in our neighbourhood. We were lucky to have known "Ed"."

Consent was given by Linda De Giorgio, daughter of the named party.

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

Community support was demonstrated with a petition of signatures from property owners/ residents who directly abut the lane. A letter of support from the Regal Heights Residents Association was also submitted by the applicant.

The lane is shown as PART 1 on Attachment No.1 Sketch No. PS-2018-102.

This naming proposal complies with the City of Toronto Street Naming Policy.

Street Naming Policy

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment No. 1 Sketch No. PS-2018-102

Attachment No. 1 Sketch No. PS-2018-102, showing the location of an existing lane north of Davenport Road, extending between Regal Road and Oakwood Avenue

