
Dear Toronto and East York Community Council Chair and Members

Re: Naming of a Public Laneway, South of Elm, between Bay and Yonge

In honour of the 60th anniversary of Barberian's Steak House at 7 Elm Street, the owners would like to name the public laneway south of the property for Harry Barberian, the restaurant's founder.

Barberian passed away in 2014. He began his career as a short order cook for a circus' railroad dining car, and went on to found the landmark steakhouse in 1959. He played an important role in Toronto's food scene and history, opening multiple restaurants, writing about restaurant science for numerous publications, and acting as a consultant in the food and beverage industry.

The current owners of Barberian's are planning on submitting a formal laneway renaming submission to the City as soon as possible, in consultation with the local BIA, to name the laneway "Harry Barberian Lane." However, the 60th anniversary celebration for Barberian's will be occurring in September, before TEYCC has the opportunity to consider their application.

The owners are hoping that if their application is approved, a name unveiling ceremony can coincide with the anniversary celebration in September. It would be much appreciated if City Staff can consider their application in the coming weeks, and report back to July 16 City Council on their findings.

Recommendation:

Toronto and East York Community Council request:

1. The Director, Engineering Support Services, Engineering and Construction Services prepare a report for the July 16 meeting of City Council on the feasibility of renaming a public laneway, south of Elm, between Bay and Yonge Streets in honour of Harry Barberian, to "Harry Barberian Lane"

Thank you,

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