

REPORT FOR ACTION

Naming of a Proposed Private Street at 423 Old Weston Road and 1800, 1818 St. Clair Avenue West

Date: August 19, 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 "Ed Clark Gardens" be approved to identify a proposed private street at 423 Old Weston Road and 1800, 1818 St. Clair Avenue 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 Toronto and East York Community Council:

- 1. Approve the name "Ed Clark Gardens" for the proposed private street at 423 Old Weston Road and 1800, 1818 St. Clair Avenue 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 a developer to name the proposed private street located at 423 Old Weston Road and 1800, 1818 St. Clair Avenue West, "Ed Clark Gardens" honouring a local community figure.

The following rationale was provided by the applicant:

"Ed Clark Gardens"

"Ed Clark is a longstanding volunteer for Habitat for Humanity GTA and our largest benefactor.

For three decades or more, Ed has been a trailblazing philanthropist in the Greater Toronto Area (GTA), donating millions of dollars in support of causes related to community development, education and health. Organizations that have particularly benefited from his generosity include: Habitat for Humanity GTA, United Way of Greater Toronto, WoodGreen Community Services, The Toronto General & Western Hospital Foundation, Women's College Hospital, Princess Margaret Cancer Hospital, Mooreland's Community Services, University of Western Ontario and York University.

Since 2004, he has donated in excess of \$5.1 million dollars to Habitat for Humanity GTA, a figure that will reach \$6 million in 2022 when his current multi-year pledge is completed. His confidence in the impact of our work on our city and broader GTA community has manifested itself in a number of ways beyond this exceptional financial investment in our mission. His extensive contributions and on-going support include his role as an active advisor and mentor to Habitat GTA leadership and as past Chair of our Advisory Council. While at the helm of TD Bank Group as President and CEO through his leadership and belief in Habitat for Humanity GTA's mission to put more families into homes, TD Bank came on board as a corporate partner. Not only have we received millions of dollars in corporate support, but hundreds of TD Bank employees have been mobilized as volunteers and supporters.

Ed Clark is a leader as a philanthropist, community builder and business leader. He has been recognized in a myriad of ways for his wealth and breadth of knowledge and expertise. This is evidenced by his invitations to speak at a number of prominent international events on a wide range of topics including the Canadian economy, the banking industry, leadership values, and the importance of creating a diverse and inclusive culture in the workplace."

Consent was provided by the named party.

Letters of Support from community organizations such as Habitat for Humanity GTA, United Way of Greater Toronto and WoodGreen Community Services were also submitted by the applicant.

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

The lane is shown as PART 1 on Attachment No.1 Sketch No. PS-2019-048.

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

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ATTACHMENT

Attachment No. 1 Sketch No. PS-2019-048

Attachment No. 1 Sketch No. PS-2019-048, showing the location of the proposed private street at 423 Old Weston Road and 1800, 1818 St. Clair Avenue West. The street is located north of St. Clair Avenue West, extending between Old Weston Road and Cloverdale Road.

