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REPORT FOR ACTION

Renaming of a portion of Blue Jays Way between Spadina Avenue and Navy Wharf Court

Date: January 17, 2020
To: Toronto and East York Community Council
From: Director, Engineering Support Services, Engineering and Construction Services
Wards: 10 Spadina-Fort York

SUMMARY

This report recommends approval of the re-naming of a portion of Blue Jays Way between Spadina Avenue and Navy Wharf Court, as "CityPlace Way"

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 "CityPlace Way" for the renaming of a portion of Blue Jays Way between Spadina Avenue and Navy Wharf Court.

2. Authorize and direct the appropriate City officials to take the necessary action to give effect to Community Council's decision, including the introduction of any bills that may be required, including amendments to the traffic and parking regulations.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The cost to install street name signage 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

A request was received from a developer to rename a portion of Blue Jays Way between Spadina Avenue and Navy Wharf Court, in connection with their development at 23 Spadina Avenue and to facilitate addressing of the new residential towers. Primary access to these towers is from Blue Jays Way, however there are no available addresses on Blue Jays Way west of Navy Wharf Court. Addressing on Blue Jays Way commences east of Navy Wharf Court with the Rogers Centre being addressed as number 1 and flows in a north easterly direction. The solution is to rename this section of Blue Jays Way as "CityPlace Way". The proposal complements its existing high profile neighbours and national tourist attractions such as the Rogers Centre, the Scotia Bank Arena, and the CN Tower.

The applicant has provided the following rationale and background:

"CityPlace Way"

"This development block was envisioned to house the "signature" development for the CityPlace master planned community... This renaming would to allow for a distinct and plausible address for this landmark project. Since construction in 2000, CityPlace has now been built into an all-encompassing community. It is a very urban downtown lifestyle and everything is accessible from here, thus the name CityPlace.

"We believe the name CityPlace Way complements the historical nature of the neighborhood, the proposed residential development and its existing high profile neighbours and national tourist attractions such as the Rogers Centre, the Scotia Bank Arena, and the CN Tower.... We believe the proposed street name CityPlace Way meets the City's Street Naming Policy including the street naming/renaming criteria as per Section 3.2 as it portrays a strong positive images and have a historical and community significance."

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

Councillor Cressy supports this renaming proposal as the supporting authority for the City of Toronto

Renaming of this section of Blue Jays Way will not impact the addressing of any abutting land owners other than the applicant's land and the City of Toronto (Linear Park on the north side of Blue Jays Way).

The street is shown as PART 1 on Attachment No.1 Sketch No. PS-2020-001.

These naming proposals comply with the City of Toronto Street Naming Policy which can be found at https://www.toronto.ca/city-government/planning-development/street-naming/

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ATTACHMENT

Attachment No. 1 Sketch No. PS-2020-001

Attachment No. 1 Sketch No. PS-2020-001, showing the location of Blue Jays Way between Spadina Avenue and Navy Wharf Court.

