

Naming of a Proposed Private Street for a Development at 165 Tapscott Road

Date: May 29, 2022

To: Scarborough Community Council

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

Wards: 23 Scarborough North

SUMMARY

This report recommends that the name "Liben Way" be approved to identify a proposed private street located at 165 Tapscott Road.

This naming proposal complies with the City of Toronto Street Naming Policy which can be found at <https://www.toronto.ca/city-government/planning-development/street-naming/>

RECOMMENDATIONS

Engineering and Construction Services recommends that Scarborough Community Council:

1. Approve the name "Liben Way" to identify a proposed private street located at 165 Tapscott Road.
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 Recommendations 1 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

A request was received on May 20, 2022, from a developer via the ward Councillor's office to name the proposed private street in connection with their development at 165 Tapscott Road in order to facilitate municipal addressing at the site.

The following background and rationale provided by the applicant:

"Liben Way"

"This name intends to honour, Mr. Liben Gebremikael, Executive Director of the TAIBU Health Centre in Malvern for 14 years. TAIBU serves the health needs of the Black Community throughout Toronto".

Liben Gebremikael is the first Executive Director of TAIBU Community Health. Born in Ethiopia and now a resident of Toronto, Gebremikael has more than 25 years of experience in primary health care, social services, mental health, and community capacity building and development. He has worked as a social worker, child and family therapist, project coordinator, and therapeutic group facilitator with various primary care and non-profit organizations serving racialized and marginalized populations in Canada and the United Kingdom.

Gebremikael holds an MA in Migration, Mental Health & Social Care from the University of Kent (UK), a Masters Certificate in Healthcare Management from the Schulich School of Business at York University, and recently completed the Community Health Leadership Program at the University of Toronto's Rotman School of Management. Located in the Malvern neighbourhood of Scarborough, TAIBU Community Health Centre (CHC) provides primary health care and related services for the Greater Toronto Area's black community. TAIBU CHC recognizes the health impacts of the systemic oppression of black people and consequently strives to deliver health services through intersectional, equity based and culturally affirming practices that promote holistic wellness, health education, and prevention. Since TAIBU CHC's inception in 2008, Gebremikael has led a dedicated, passionate and professional staff to advance the organization's mandate and mission. Today, TAIBU CHC has more than 8,000 registered clients who receive a wide range of culturally appropriate health and social programs and services. The Centre is widely regarded for its non-traditional and innovative approach.

In June 2012, Gebremikael received the prestigious Emerging Leaders Award from The Association of Ontario Health Centres at its annual conference in Toronto. In November 2014, he was awarded the Development Award by the Planet Africa Group".

City Council has previously directed that no new applications to name or rename streets or other civic properties received after October 1, 2020, be considered while a review of the City's commemorative policies and programs is underway. An exception was made that allows proceeding with naming's of a small number streets, such as in development sites that require new street names ahead of the next report to Council in Q2 of 2022 so

as to avoid any delays in the development approvals process. This application falls under that exception and as such it is exempt from the moratorium.

This name proposal was reviewed against both the existing Street Naming Policy and the draft Guiding Principles for Commemoration in the Public Realm.

Consent was provided by the named party.

The proposed name has been circulated for comment and is acceptable to Toronto Police Service, Toronto Fire Services and Toronto Paramedic Services.
Councillor Cynthia Lai, Ward 23 – Scarborough North, supports this naming.

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

The lane is shown as PART 1 on Attachment No.1 Sketch No. PS-2022-030.

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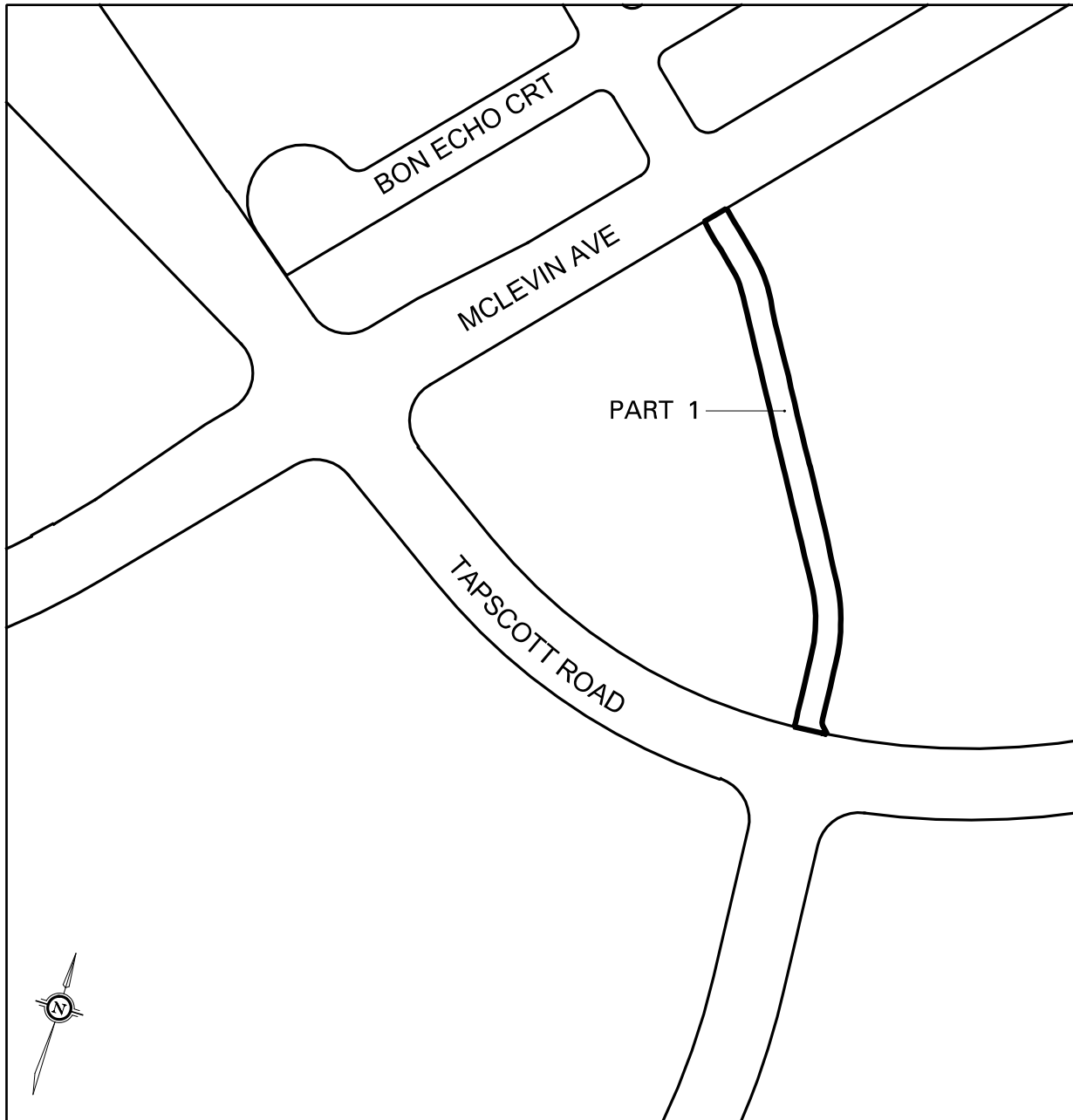
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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment No. 1 Sketch No. PS-2022-030

Showing the location of a proposed private street located east of Tapscott Road, extending south from McLevin Avenue.



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ARE APPROXIMATE

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WARD 23 - SCARBOROUGH NORTH
DATE: MAY 31, 2022

PROPERTY INFORMATION SHEET
NAMING OF PROPOSED STREET AT
165 TAPSCOTT ROAD

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