

## **Assigning the Ceremonial Name of “Heroes' Way” to Canterbury Place, North York**

**Date:** January 30, 2025

**To:** North York Community Council

**From:** General Manager, Economic Development and Culture

**Wards:** Ward 18 - Willowdale

### **SUMMARY**

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The purpose of this report is to recommend that the ceremonial name of "Heroes' Way" be assigned to Canterbury Place, North York.

A ceremonial street dedication does not change the official street name or address information. It does result in the installation of special signage along the selected street.

Economic Development and Culture consulted with Transportation Services during the preparation of this report.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

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The General Manager, Economic Development and Culture recommends that:

1. North York Community Council assign the ceremonial name "Heroes' Way" to Canterbury Place, North York.
2. North York Community Council direct the General Manager, Transportation Services Division to erect signage marking "Heroes' Way".

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

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The estimated cost of erecting signage is \$1,200. Funding is available within the 2025 Staff Prepared Operating Budget submission for Transportation Services, currently under review for approval.

The Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer has reviewed this report and agrees with the information as presented in the Financial Impact section.

## DECISION HISTORY

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At its meeting on April 17-18, 2024, City Council adopted a motion to review the ceremonial name "Heroes' Way" for Canterbury Place, North York to honour the first responders involved in the response to the Yonge Street van attack on April 23, 2018, in accordance with the City of Toronto Street Naming Policy.

<https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2024.MM17.23>

At its meeting on July 19-22, 2022, City Council adopted a New Commemorative Framework for the City of Toronto's Public Spaces and approved revisions to the Street Naming Policy, which provides guidance on the ceremonial naming of City streets.

<https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2022.EX34.6>

## COMMENTS

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Ceremonial naming refers to assigning a ceremonial name to a City street in honour of an individual, event, or an organization that has made a significant and exceptional positive contribution to Toronto, Ontario, or Canada. A ceremonial name is a secondary name and does not replace the official name.

The ceremonial name, "Heroes' Way", has been reviewed and approved in accordance with the Guiding Principles for Commemoration and the Street Naming Policy. "Heroes' Way" commemorates the work of first responders, in response to the Yonge Street van attack that occurred on April 23, 2018, and their work during the pandemic. The ceremonial name will be designated for Canterbury Place, which houses three City emergency services: Toronto Police Service - 32 Division, Toronto Fire Station 114, and Toronto Paramedic Services - Station 58. The location of Canterbury Place is shown in Attachment 1.

The ceremonial name pays tribute to the continued dedication of the first responders in Willowdale. First responders are dedicated, diverse professionals committed to ensuring the safety of all members of the community. The ceremonial naming marks the six-year anniversary of the Yonge Street van attack. This naming will act as a permanent tribute to the first responders who showed great bravery and professionalism as the tragedy unfolded.

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

Councillor Lily Cheng, Ward 18 - Willowdale, supports this ceremonial name.

Community support was demonstrated with a petition of signatures from the local community.

## **CONTACT**

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## **SIGNATURE**

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## **ATTACHMENTS**

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Attachment 1 - Map showing the location of Canterbury Place, North York

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