

Naming of a Proposed Private Street for a Development at 6 Dawes Road

Date: March 17, 2025

To: Toronto and East York Community Council

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

Wards: Ward 19 - Beaches - East York

SUMMARY

This report recommends that the name "Signal Street" be approved to identify a proposed private street located 6 Dawes 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 Toronto and East York Community Council:

1. Approve the name "Signal Street" for a proposed private street located at 6 Dawes Road shown as PART 1 on Attachment No. 1 Sketch No. PS-2025-007
2. Request the applicant to pay the costs, estimated to be \$300.00, 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 expense, the street name signage installed under Recommendation 1 of this report.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There are no financial implications to the City resulting from the adoption of this report. The estimated cost of \$300.00 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 on January 23, 2024, from a developer requesting to name the proposed private street located at 6 Dawes Road, as “Signal Street” honouring Canadian railroad development and history.

The following background and rationale provided by the applicant:

Signal Street

“Signal Street stands as a powerful testament to Canada's rich historical tapestry, symbolizing our profound connection to the transformative era of railway development. A nod to the pivotal role railways played in Confederation, Signal Street encapsulates the spirit of progress that defined our nation's early years.

The definition of the term “Signal” stands for a signal conveyed from the cars of a railroad train to the locomotive by a mechanical device.

The name is a tribute to the promise that spurred the construction of a transcontinental railway, a commitment so significant that it welcomed British Columbia into the Canadian fold in 1871. Additionally, it pays homage to Prince Edward Island, whose rail-building endeavors in 1873 marked a decisive step towards provincial status.

Situated just steps away from the Danforth GO station, Signal Street enjoys an intimate proximity to the very tracks that echo the historical significance of Canada's railroads. The parallel alignment of Signal Street with the GO tracks not only enhances its connection to our nation's railway heritage but also serves as a constant reminder of the enduring link between progress and the railway. Signal Street is more than just a designation; it is an embrace of our shared history, a nod to our cultural roots, and a celebration of the contributions that have shaped our community, our city, and our great nation”.

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

Councillor **Brad Bradford**, Ward **19 Beaches-East York**, has no concerns respecting the name proposal, Signal Street.

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

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

The proposed private street is shown as PART 1 on Attachment No.1 Sketch No. **PS-2025-007**.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 - Sketch No. PS-2025-007

Attachment 1 - Sketch No. PS-2025-007, Showing the location of a proposed private street located at 6 Dawes Road

