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REPORT FOR ACTION

Renaming of a portion of Au Large Boulevard east of Don Mills Road

Date: May 28, 2018
To: North York Community Council
From: Director, Engineering Support Services, Engineering and Construction Services
Wards: 24 Willowdale

SUMMARY

This report recommends approval of the re-naming of a portion of Au Large Boulevard east of Don Mills Road, to "Premier Davis Boulevard". Au Large Boulevard is a private street located within Seneca's Newnham Campus at 1750 Finch Avenue East.

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 North York Community Council:

- 1. Approve the name "Premier Davis Boulevard" for the renaming of a portion of Au Large Boulevard east of Don Mills 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 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 Caroline Grech, Manager Government and Community Relations, Seneca College, to rename a portion of the private street Au Large Boulevard, east of Don Mills Road located within Seneca's Newnham Campus at 1750 Finch Avenue East.

Au Large Boulevard bisects Newnham Campus in two different directions. The southnorth portion, starting at Finch, dead-ends into the west-east portion, which starts at Don Mills, yet both streets carry the same name. In order to minimize confusion, Seneca College proposes that the south-north portion of the private street would remain Au Large Boulevard, which is a phrase used by Seneca's founding president, Dr. William T. Newnham to describe Seneca's ongoing commitment to forward-thinking and innovative education. The east west portion would be renamed to "Premier Davis Boulevard", honoring our former Premier under whose leadership the Ontario College System was created.

The following rationale was provided by David Agnew, President of Seneca College:

Premier Davis Boulevard

"In 2017, Seneca marked the 50th anniversary of the Ontario college system, which was created under the leadership of Ontario's 18th Premier William G. Davis. To honour Mr. Davis, Seneca is requesting that the west-east portion of Au Large Boulevard be renamed after him. Au Large is located at Seneca's Newnham Campus at 1750 Finch Avenue East, our largest campus with more than 12,000 full-time students. The roots of our successes as an institution can be directly attributed to Premier Davis's foresight, and we see it fitting to honour him as Ontario's colleges celebrate a half century of service to our towns and cities province-wide.

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

Consent was provided by Mr. Davis.

Au Large Boulevard is a private street located within Seneca's Newnham Campus at 1750 Finch Avenue East. Support for the renaming of this section of the private street was given by Mr. David Agnew, President of Seneca College.

The street is shown as PART 1 on Attachment No.1 Sketch No. PS-2018-051.

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-2018-051

Attachment No. 1 Sketch No. PS-2018-051, showing the location of the private road Au Large Boulevard, extending easterly from Don Mills Road

