

Committee of the Whole (1) Report

DATE: Tuesday, March 31, 2026

WARD(S): 4

**TITLE: PROPOSED STREET NAME
SITE PLAN OF DA.25.012
VICINITY OF BATHURST STREET AND HIGHWAY 7**

FROM:

Vince Musacchio, Deputy City Manager, Planning and Infrastructure Development

ACTION: DECISION

Purpose

To seek approval for the proposed street name “Shechtman” for Site Plan File DA.25.012 for the subject lands shown on Attachment 1.

Report Highlights

- The applicant is seeking approval for “Shechtman” to be used as a street name for approved Site Plan File DA.25.012 located northwest of Bathurst Street and Highway 7.
- The name “Shechtman” was chosen to honour scientific innovation and global achievement.
- The Development and Parks Planning Department has no objection to the approval of the street name.

Recommendations

- 1) That the following street name for the proposed street in Site Plan File DA.25.012 as shown on Attachment 2, be considered for approval:

Proposed Name

Shechtman

Background

The Development and Parks Planning Department received an application to name a street for Site Plan File DA.25.012, located northwest from the intersection of Bathurst Street and Highway 7. The applicant has submitted “Shechtman” as a proposed street name to reflect themes of scientific innovation, discovery, and global achievement.

The proposed street name “Shechtman” draws inspiration from Nobel Prize–winning chemist Professor Dan Shechtman and his pioneering work on quasicrystals. Shechtman’s discovery transformed scientists’ understanding of crystal structures by showing that materials can have ordered atomic patterns without repeating them. Quasicrystals are exceptionally hard, heat-resistant, and non-stick, supporting uses in many disciplines. In medical settings, quasicrystals help improve surgical tools that reduce patient discomfort and bacterial buildup.

Adopting the name “Shechtman” supports a forward-looking identity that aligns with Vaughan’s values of innovation and intellectual leadership. In addition, the name provides an opportunity to recognize and reflect the longstanding Jewish heritage within the Thornhill Woods community, thereby contributing meaningful cultural and historical context to the local streetscape.

Previous Reports/Authority

N/A

Analysis and Options

The subject lands shown on Attachment 1 are located northwest from the intersection of Bathurst Street and Highway 7.

The Owner has submitted a street name in approved Site Plan File DA.25.012 (Brightstone Developments) as shown on Attachment 2.

The Region of York Transportation and Community Planning and Development Services Department have no objection to the proposed name. The Vaughan Fire and Rescue Services Department and Vaughan Development and Parks Planning Department have also reviewed the proposed street name for appropriateness and determined the name to be satisfactory.

The proposed street name is consistent with the City’s Street Naming Policy and Procedures that was approved by Vaughan Council on Dec. 10, 2023. Staff on March 5, 2026, circulated the proposed street name to each Council member.

The submitted street name is not the result of a charity fundraising auction or event.

Financial Impact

There are no requirements for new funding associated with this report.

Broader Regional Impacts/Considerations

The York Region Community Planning and Development Services Department has no objection to the proposed street name.

Conclusion

The Development and Parks Planning Department has no objection with the proposed street name for Street 'A' in approved Site Plan File DA.25.012 as it is consistent with the City of Vaughan Street Naming Policy.

For more information, please contact Kendyll Jones-McGowan, GIS Specialist, Development and Parks Planning Department, at extension 3102.

Attachments

1. Location Map
2. New Municipal Street Name: Shechtman

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