

Flap over street name zipped up - for now

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Toronto City Council yesterday put off a final decision about whether or not to name a new North York street "OMB Folly" to protest the Ontario Municipal Board, which approved the development over city objections.

Councillor John Filion (Ward 23, Willowdale) moved the motion to defer debate on the name, called petulant and ridiculous by critics, until the developer actually comes forward for building permits.

Mr. Filion told council that, despite the battle over the townhouse development near Yonge Street and Finch Avenue, it might not go ahead and the property may be for sale. "I think the chance of it getting built is extremely slim," Mr. Filion said, adding that local residents around the site "really like the name." However, he said if the majority of those who buy the townhouse units object, he will abide by their wishes.

Meanwhile, by a vote of 19-17, council rejected a call to debate a possible freeze on salaries for the mayor and councillors.

The request came from **Councillor Suzan Hall (Ward 1, Etobicoke North)** after Council this week voted to give no cost-of-living increase this year - and 1 per cent next year - to non-union city officials, as a cost-cutting move.

"We should not be freezing one group's salary and not look at doing the same for ourselves," she said after her request was rejected.

Mayor David Miller and some councillors already have voluntarily passed up a 2.4-per-cent cost-of-living hike this year, but his executive committee last month rejected calls for a full-blown debate on a pay freeze for all members of Council.

Ms. Hall said she now plans to donate her cost-of-living increase, worth \$1,200 this year, to a local charity.