

Street names celebrate King's identity

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Five new street names in a King City area subdivision celebrate the municipality's heritage.

Residents will soon be navigating around Lake Marie Trail, Sir Henry Court, Elmers Lane, Cairns Gate and Gellatly Court in the Mary Lake development in King City.

According to a report by Kathryn Smyth, clerk and head of bylaw, the lands and surrounding area of the Mary Lake development have significant historic background with respect to the families who originally settled in the area. Staff determined that a theme based around these historic family names was appropriate.

Sir Henry Pellatt served with the Queen's Own Rifles and he was an officer, financier, philanthropist and builder, having created Casa Loma in Toronto.

Lake Marie is the original name given to the land located at 15 Sideroad and Keele, where Pellatt acquired 1,000 acres of land in the 1900s. Pellatt built the beautiful stone gateway and gatehouse at the entrance to his estate.

Cairns is the name related to settlers and landowners of farms near the 15 Sideroad and Keele.

The Gellatly family has lived on Keele since the 1860s and ran the original general store and post office at the corner of Keele and the 15th.

Elmer Cairns is the name of a landowner who lived at the 15th and Keele in the 1800s. He was a fixture on the local roads and the community has long referred to his laneway as 'Elmers Lane.' There's even a local musical group named Elmers Lane.

The street names were approved by York Region and the developer has no objection to the names.