Good afternoon,

My comments relate to two proposed names for Stops on the Finch-West LRT:

“Emery Village” at Weston Rd. and Finch Ave. and “Thistletown” at Islington Ave. and Finch Ave.

“Emery Village”

Emery Village is entirely an inappropriate name for the Stop at this intersection. Emery would be an appropriate name, but not Emery Village. The latter is the name of the local BIA: Emery Village BIA. It has existed only since 2003.

The historic community of Emery was located at this intersection. Attached is a photo of the old Emery Rail Station. The name is clearly visible.

Emery Collegiate is located nearby. The word Village is not part of the name of the school.

The Emery Village BIA is attempting to promote the BIA. The name selected should represent the community, not a BIA, whose members largely do not even reside in the community.

The president of the North York Historical Society has confirmed that there is no historical basis for the name Emery Village. He could not find its use in any of the Association’s files.

“Thistletown”

Thistletown would not be an ideal name. Thistletown lies to the south of this intersection. The heart of the Thistletown community is Albion Rd. and Riverdale Rd. This is an historic area of Etobicoke. If in the future another LRT was to run near Islington Ave. and Albion Rd., the Thistletown name would already be taken.

Humber Summit lies to the north of the intersection. That would be a more appropriate name than Thistletown for most people living in the neighbourhood.

Perhaps a better name, though, would be Rowntree Mills or Rowntree Mills Park, since the entrance to this 92 hectare park lies within steps of the intersection. The Stop would become a destination for families.

Personal

I have lived in the communities of Thistletown and Humber Summit since 1982. I taught Economics and Law at a local high school for 27 years. I presently serve as VP of the Humber Summit Residents’ Association