

Renaming of a Portion of Simcoe Street as "Michael Sweet Avenue" (Downtown)

(City Council on November 23, 24 and 25, 1999, adopted this Clause, without amendment.)

The Toronto Community Council recommends that a by-law in the form of the draft by-law be enacted, and that the necessary Bill be introduced in Council to give effect thereto.

The Toronto Community Council reports, for the information of Council, that pursuant to Clause 31 of Toronto Community Council Report No. 11, headed "Dedication of Street Name – PC Michael Sweet (Downtown)", which was adopted by City Council on July 27, 28, 29 and 30, 1999, notice with respect to the proposed enactment of the draft by-law was advertised in a daily newspaper on October 18, October 25, November 1 and November 8, 1999, and no one addressed the Toronto Community Council.

The Toronto Community Council submits the following Draft By-law from the City Solicitor:

Authority: Toronto Community Council Report No. 11, Clause 31, as adopted by Council at its meeting of July 27, 28, 29 and 30, 1999

Enacted by Council:

CITY OF TORONTO

Bill No.

BY-LAW No.

To change the name of part of Simcoe Street lying north of Queen Street West extending easterly from St. Patrick Street to the north/south portion of Simcoe Street "Michael Sweet Avenue"

WHEREAS notice of a public hearing on November 9, 1999 with respect to the proposed enactment of the draft by-law was advertised in a daily newspaper on October 18 and 25 and November 1 and 8, 1999, and interested persons were given an opportunity to be heard, and it is appropriate to permit the renaming of a portion of Simcoe Street as "Michael Sweet Avenue";

The Council of the City of Toronto HEREBY ENACTS as follows:

1. The portion of Simcoe Street lying north of Queen Street West extending easterly from St. Patrick Street to the north/south portion of Simcoe Street, described by W. Kowalenko, O.L.S., City Surveyor, as follows, namely:

In the City of Toronto and Province of Ontario, being composed of part of the Public Highway Simcoe Street dedicated by City of Toronto By-law 421-1998 (CA559845) being part of Lot 9 on the west side of William Street, now Simcoe Street, and part of Lot 9 on the east side of Dummer Street, now St. Patrick Street, on Plan 1-49-55 designated as PART 8 on Plan 64R-15600 both said Plans being in the Land Registry Office for the Metropolitan Toronto Registry Division (No. 64)

The westerly limit of Simcoe Street and the easterly limit of St. Patrick Street as confirmed under the Boundaries Act by Plan BA-1093 (CT258877)

is renamed Michael Sweet Avenue.

ENACTED AND PASSED this day of , A.D.

Mayor

City Clerk

The Toronto Community Council also submits the following Clause 31 of Toronto Community Council Report No. 11, headed “Dedication of Street Name – PC Michael Sweet (Downtown)”:

(City Council on July 27, 28, 29 and 30, 1999, adopted this Clause, without amendment.)

The Toronto Community Council recommends the adoption of the following report (July 14, 1999) from the City Surveyor, Technical Services Division:

Purpose:

This report recommends that the new temporary east-west street named Simcoe Street be renamed in memory of Police Constable Michael Sweet.

Funding Sources, Financial Implications and Impact Statement:

N/A

Recommendations:

- (1) That the new temporary street named Simcoe Street, located north of Queen Street West between Simcoe Street and St. Patrick Street, illustrated on the enclosed Map A, be renamed “Michael Sweet Avenue”;
- (2) That the proposed permanent street, to be located south of the temporary street, illustrated on the enclosed Map A, be named “Michael Sweet Avenue,” when the temporary street is closed; and

- (3) That the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect to, including the introduction in Council of any Bills that may be required.

Background:

I have a request from Councillor Olivia Chow to rename the new east-west section of Simcoe Street, located north of Queen Street West between Simcoe Street and St. Patrick Street in memory of Police Constable Michael Sweet. On March 14, 1980, Police Constable Michael Sweet, No. 52 Division was shot and killed while on duty attending to a robbery on Queen Street West between Simcoe Street and St. Patrick Street.

This temporary street was laid out, dedicated and named "Simcoe Street" by By-law 421-1998 and is now open to vehicular traffic. There are no property addresses affected by the renaming of the street.

Comments:

Fire Services support the name but has requested that the street type identifier "Street" not be used as it may be difficult to enunciate when combined with Sweet. Heritage Toronto has no objection to naming the street in honour of Police Constable Michael Sweet.

Conclusions:

The proposed name Michael Sweet is not duplicated in the City of Toronto and is consistent with the policy for naming streets and lanes approved by the former Toronto City Council on July 11, 1988 (Clause 4, Executive Committee Report No.22).

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Sweet Avenue

The Toronto Community Council also submits the following communication (June 30, 1999) from Councillor Chow:

Recommendation:

That the City of Toronto name the new street that will run north of Queen Street West between Simcoe and St. Patrick Streets in memory of Police Constable Michael Sweet.

Background:

On March 14, 1980, Police Constable Michael Sweet, No. 52 Division was shot and killed, while on duty, attending a robbery on Queen Street West between Simcoe and St. Patrick Streets.

As a permanent memorial, I am requesting the naming of this new street in honour of PC Sweet.