



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Naming of Bathurst Street Bridge as Sir Isaac Brock Bridge

Date:	November 9, 2007
To:	Toronto and East York Community Council
From:	Wally Kowalenko, City Surveyor
Wards:	Ward 19 and 20
Reference Number:	P:\2007\Cluster B\TEC\TE07045

SUMMARY

This staff report is about a matter for which the community council has delegated authority from City Council to make a final decision.

This report recommends that the bridge known as the Bathurst Street Bridge, located between Fort York Boulevard and Front Street West, be named as the “Sir Isaac Brock Bridge”.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The City Surveyor recommends that:

- (1) The Bathurst Street Bridge, located between Fort York Boulevard and Front Street West, be named as the “Sir Isaac Brock Bridge”; and
- (2) the appropriate City Officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There are no financial implications resulting from the adoption of this report.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

The Toronto and East York Community Council requested appropriate City staff to report to the November 27, 2007 meeting of the Toronto and East York Community Council on naming the Bathurst Street Bridge as the “Sir Isaac Brock Bridge”.

A request to name the Bathurst Street Bridge after Sir Isaac Brock has been submitted from The Friends of Fort York to Deputy Mayor Joe Pantalone and Councillor Vaughan, the two Councillors representing the area where the bridge is located. The Bathurst Street Bridge, located between Fort York Boulevard and Front Street West, is shown on Attachment No. 1.

Stephen Otto, Chair of The Friends of Fort York has written that the bridge, scheduled to be reconstructed and completed in 2009, will lie entirely within both the Fort York National Historic Site and Fort York Heritage Conservation District. In view of Toronto's record in honouring Brock and the upcoming Bicentennial of the War of 1812, we believe this initiative would be very appropriate.

COMMENTS

In absence of a bridge naming policy, the guidelines of the Toronto Street Naming Policy, and the circulation process used for the naming of streets, have been used. The proposed name has been circulated for comment and is acceptable to the Toronto and East York Preservation Panel, Police, Fire and Emergency Medical Services.

Deputy Mayor Joe Pantalone and Councillor Vaughan, are in complete agreement with the naming proposal and have the following comments. "Naming the Bathurst Street Bridge for Sir Isaac Brock is a way of commemorating the individual whose efforts in the military field ensured the survival of Canada in the War of 1812 and by doing so, he was instrumental in making Toronto become the city that it is."

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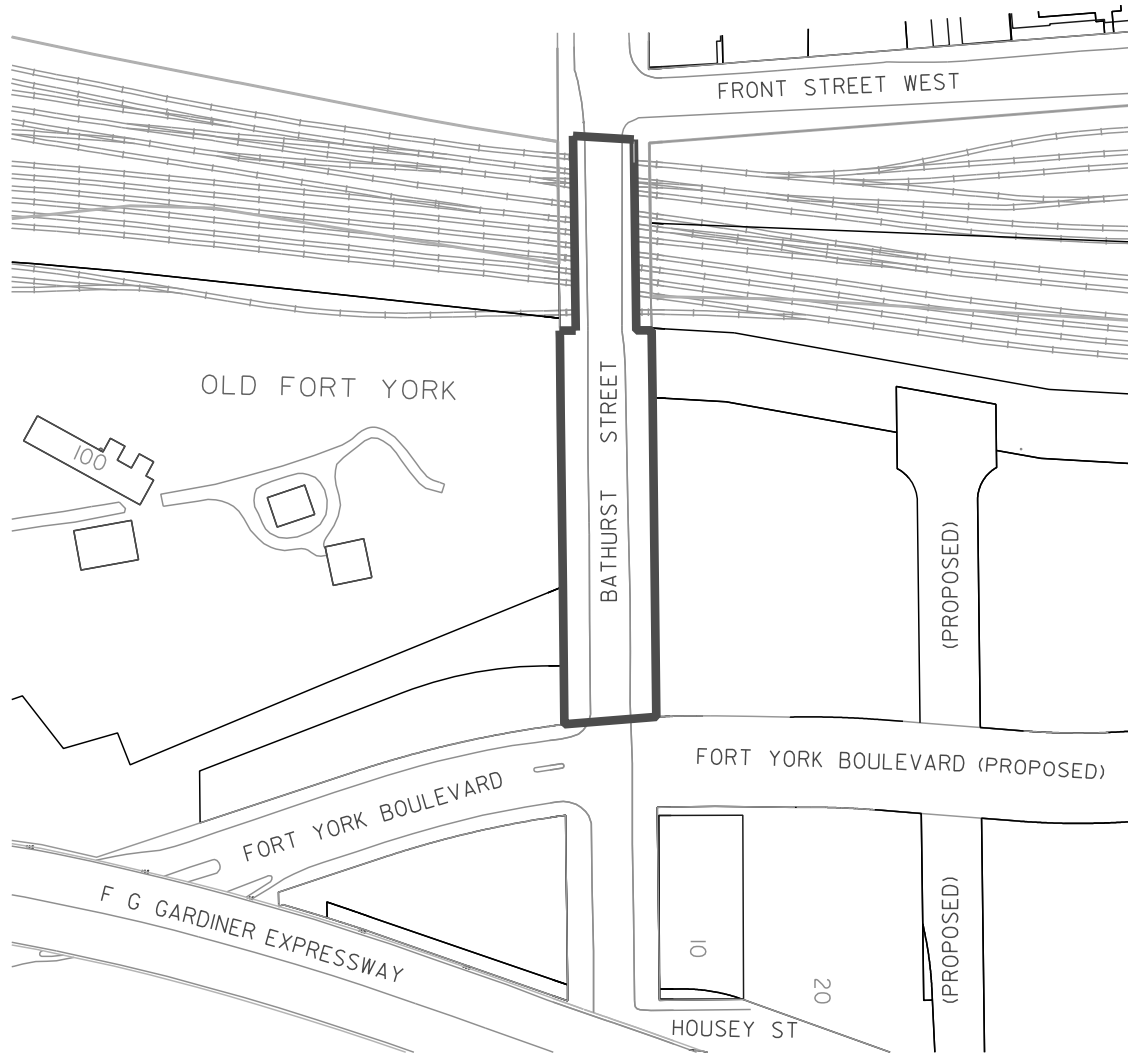
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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment No. 1 – Map

Attachment No.1



BRIDGE TO BE NAMED AS THE "SIR ISAAC BROCK BRIDGE"



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WARD 19&20 OCTOBER 31,2007
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