

Naming of Public Lane East of Yonge Street, Extending Southerly From Wood Street to Carlton Street

Date:	September 24, 2009
To:	Toronto and East York Community Council
From:	City Surveyor
Wards:	Ward 27
Reference Number:	P:\2009\Cluster B\TEC\TE09030

SUMMARY

This report recommends that, subject to the concurrence of City Council, that the public lane located east of Yonge Street, extending southerly from Wood Street to Carlton Street, be named “Reverend Porter Lane”.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The City Surveyor recommends that:

1. City Council grant an exception to the street naming policy of avoiding similar sounding names and rename the public lane located east of Yonge Street, extending southerly from Wood Street to Carlton Street, as “Reverend Porter Lane”.
2. City Council authorize and direct the appropriate City Officials to take the necessary action to give effect thereto, including the introduction of a naming by-law.

Financial Impact

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

ISSUE BACKGROUND

We have a request from a resident to name the public lane located east of Yonge Street, extending southerly from Wood Street to Carlton Street, as shown on Attachment No. 1, “Reverend Porter Lane”. The naming of the lane will assist in the dispatch of Emergency Services to the lane.

The applicant has advised that Reverend James Porter lived at 1 Wood Street. Reverend James Porter was the local superintendent for Toronto City Common Schools from 1859 until his death in 1874. He would have worked with Egerton Ryerson and previous Toronto mayors during that period to develop the foundation for Ontario's education system.

COMMENTS

The proposed name "Reverend Porter Lane" has been circulated for comment and is acceptable to Councillor Kyle Rae, the Toronto East York Preservation Panel and Fire Services. Police Services and Emergency Medical Services are not in favour of the name due to the potential for confusion with Porter Avenue and Porter Crescent.

The City of Toronto Street Naming Policy approved by City Council at its meeting held on August 1, 2, 3 and 4, 2000, and amended May 30, 31 and June 1, 2001, states in part that "Similar sounding names such as Beach Avenue and Peach Avenue, or Apple Hill Road and Apple Road should be avoided."

The proposed street name otherwise conforms with Item 1 (a), Criteria For Name selection, as set out in City Council's street naming policy – "to honour and commemorate noteworthy persons associated with the City of Toronto".

The name "Reverend Porter Lane" is not duplicated in Toronto or in the municipalities surrounding Toronto. The use of the full name "Reverend Porter" with the street type designation "Lane" should help to distinguish it from Porter Avenue and Porter Crescent, thereby addressing the concerns of Police Services and Emergency Medical Services.

Subject to the concurrence of City Council, the proposed name could be considered exceptional and approved for use in identifying the public lane.

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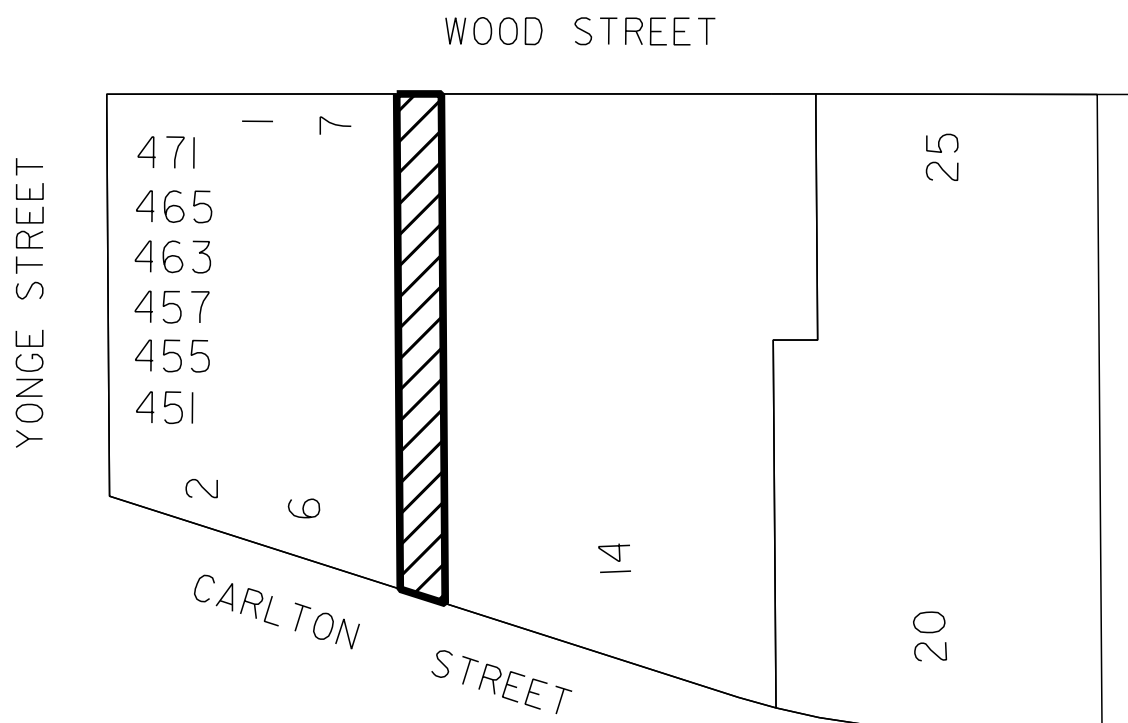
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ATTACHMENTS -

Attachment No. 1 – Map

Attachment No.1



PUBLIC LANE TO BE NAMED "REVEREND PORTER LANE"



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WARD SEPTEMBER 21, 2009
REVERENDPORTER.DGN MAP:
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