

Renaming of Wellesley Lane

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To:	Toronto and East York Community Council
From:	City Surveyor
Wards:	Ward 27
Reference Number:	P:\2010\Cluster B\TEC\TE10012

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 public lane known as Wellesley Lane be renamed “*Lourdes Lane*”.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The City Surveyor recommends that:

1. the public lane known as Wellesley Lane, extending westerly from Sherbourne Street to Wellesley Place, be renamed “*Lourdes Lane*”; and
2. the appropriate City Officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto, including the introduction of a renaming by-law.

Financial Impact

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

ISSUE BACKGROUND

We have a request from Glen Simourd of Our Lady of Lourdes Church to rename Wellesley Lane, located north of Wellesley Street, extending westerly from Sherbourne Street to Wellesley Place, as shown on Attachment No. 1.

Mr. Simourd is requesting that the lane be named "Lourdes Lane" in recognition of Our Lady of Lourdes Church, which is adjacent to the lane and is celebrating its 125th anniversary in 2011.

One address will be affected by the renaming of the lane. The municipal address 25 Wellesley Lane was assigned to the proposed "Wing Building A", by City staff. We have received no objections to the renaming of the lane from Life Construction Inc., the developer at 25 Wellesley Lane.

COMMENTS

The Toronto Street Naming Policy states in part that "the names of streets and lanes should not be changed". It also states that "the renaming of a specific street or lane should only be considered when duplication of the name occurs within the City of Toronto or the surrounding municipalities and when renaming would generally improve the City's administration of essential services and would be in the public's best interest. Duplication of the name occurs when there are two or more unconnected portions of a street with the same name."

The proposed name "Lourdes Lane" has been circulated for comment and has the support of Councillor Kyle Rae, the Toronto and East York Preservation Panel, Police, Fire Services and EMS.

The proposed name conforms with Item (b), Criteria for Name Selection, as set out in City Council's Street Naming Policy - "to commemorate local history, places, events or culture".

The proposed name is consistent with 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, and should therefore be approved for the renaming of Wellesley Lane.

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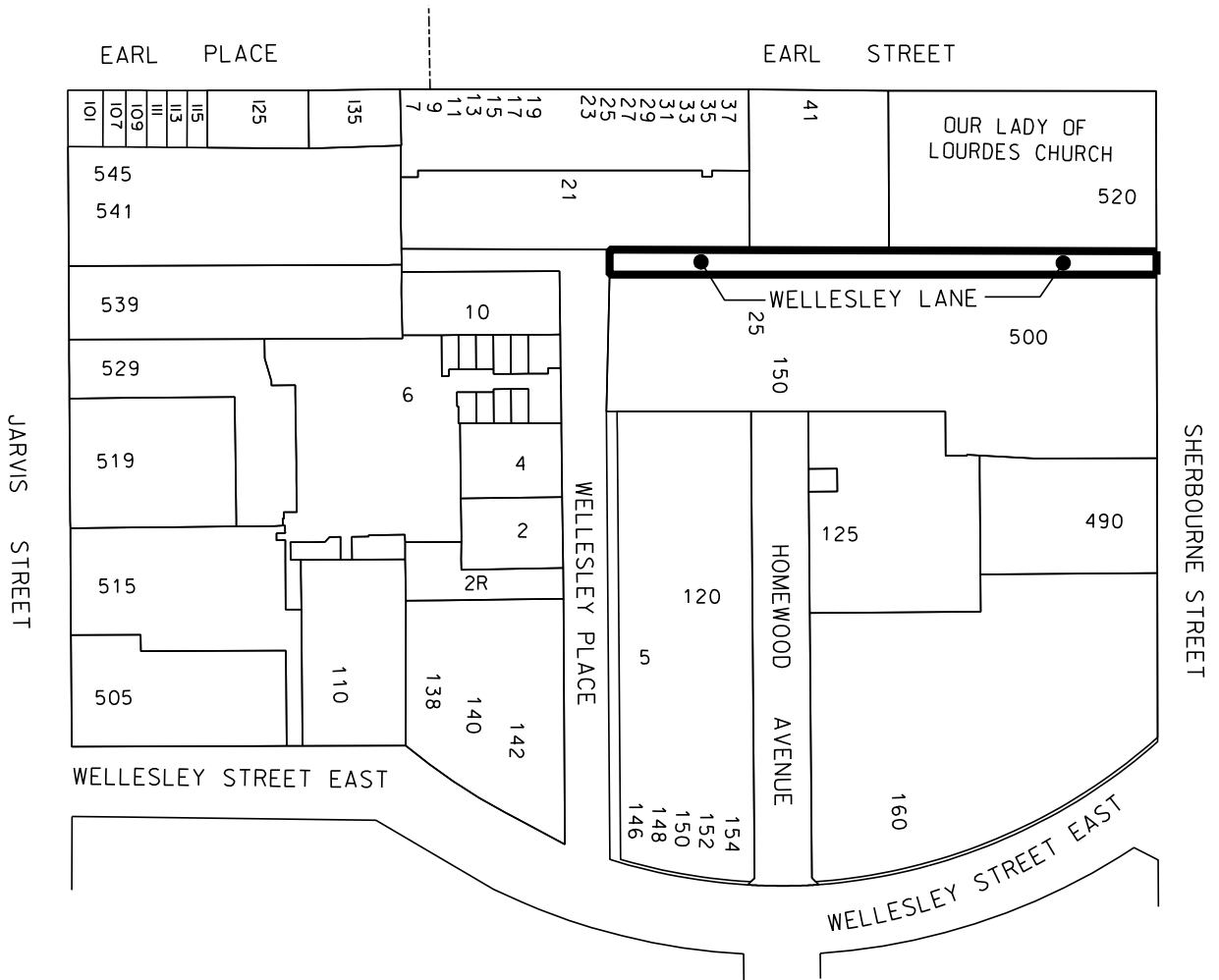
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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment No. 1 – Map

Attachment No.1



 WELLESLEY LANE PROPOSED TO BE RENAMED "LOURDES LANE"



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