



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Naming of three Public Lanes located in the blocks bounded by Yonge Street, Charles Street East, Jarvis Street and Carlton St.

Date:	July 11, 2014
To:	Toronto and East York Community Council
From:	Director, Engineering Services
Wards:	Ward 27
Reference Number:	P:\2014\Cluster B\TEC\ TE14035

SUMMARY

The Church Wellesley Neighbourhood Association has requested the naming of 9 public lanes in the blocks bounded by Yonge Street, Charles Street East, Jarvis Street and Carlton Street. To date 5 of these lanes have been successfully named.

This report deals with 3 of the remaining lanes and recommends that the names "Odette Lane", "Sky Gilbert Lane" and "Biscuit Lane" be approved for these lanes.

Community Councils have delegated authority to decide street naming matters which comply with the City of Toronto Honourific and Street Naming Policy.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Engineering and Construction Services recommends that Toronto and East York Community Council:

1. Approve the following names for three public lanes located in the blocks bounded by Yonge Street, Charles Street East, Jarvis Street and Carlton Street:
 - a. "Odette Lane "
 - b. "Sky Gilbert Lane "
 - c. "Biscuit Lane"

Financial Impact

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

ISSUE BACKGROUND

The Church Wellesley Neighbourhood Association has requested the naming of 9 public lanes in the blocks bounded by Yonge Street, Charles Street East, Jarvis Street and Carlton Street.

On June 11, 2013, City Council adopted Item TE24.3 and Item TE24.4 successfully naming 2 of the lanes "Al Sparrow Lane" and "Macy DuBois Lane".

On June 18, 2013, Toronto and East York Community Council adopted Item TE25.1 successfully naming "School Lane".

On May 13, 2014, Toronto and East York Community Council adopted Item TE32.3 successfully naming 2 additional lanes "Wabenose Lane" and "Chechalk Lane".

Of the remaining lanes, 3 are the subject of this report. These lanes are shown on Attachment No.1 Sketch No. PS-2014-055 according to the following schedule:

Part #	Proposed Name
1	Biscuit Lane
2	Sky Gilbert Lane
3	Odette Lane

The following background information on these names has been provided by the Church Wellesley Neighbourhood Association:

Odette Lane

This naming honours Odette House a 3-storey Victorian-era mansion and coach house that had stood in that location for approximately 100 years. This historic building located at 81 Wellesley on the north side of the lane was recently lost to a development project.

Sky Gilbert Lane

Sky Gilbert is the founder of the Buddies in Bad Times Theatre. He created what is now the largest queer theatre company in the world. For over twenty years 12 Alexander Street has been its home. The naming of this lane will honour Sky's contribution to the community and to Canadian Theatre.

Biscuit Lane

This naming commemorates the small fledgling industries along Yonge St. There were a couple of bakeries such as the one owned by William McConnell. William Mellis Christie also started out there when he first arrived in Canada 1848. He delivered baked goods in a handcart to the nearby residents of Yorkville.

COMMENTS

The proposed names have been circulated for comment and are acceptable to Toronto Police Service, Toronto Emergency Medical Services and Toronto Fire Services.

Councillor Wong-Tam supports this naming application.

As of the date of this report, no response was received from the Toronto and East York Preservation Panel.

Consent to the name "Sky Gilbert Lane" was provided by Sky Gilbert, founder of "Buddies in Bad Times Theatre"

This naming proposal complies with the City of Toronto Honourific and Street Naming Policy and is therefore recommended for approval.

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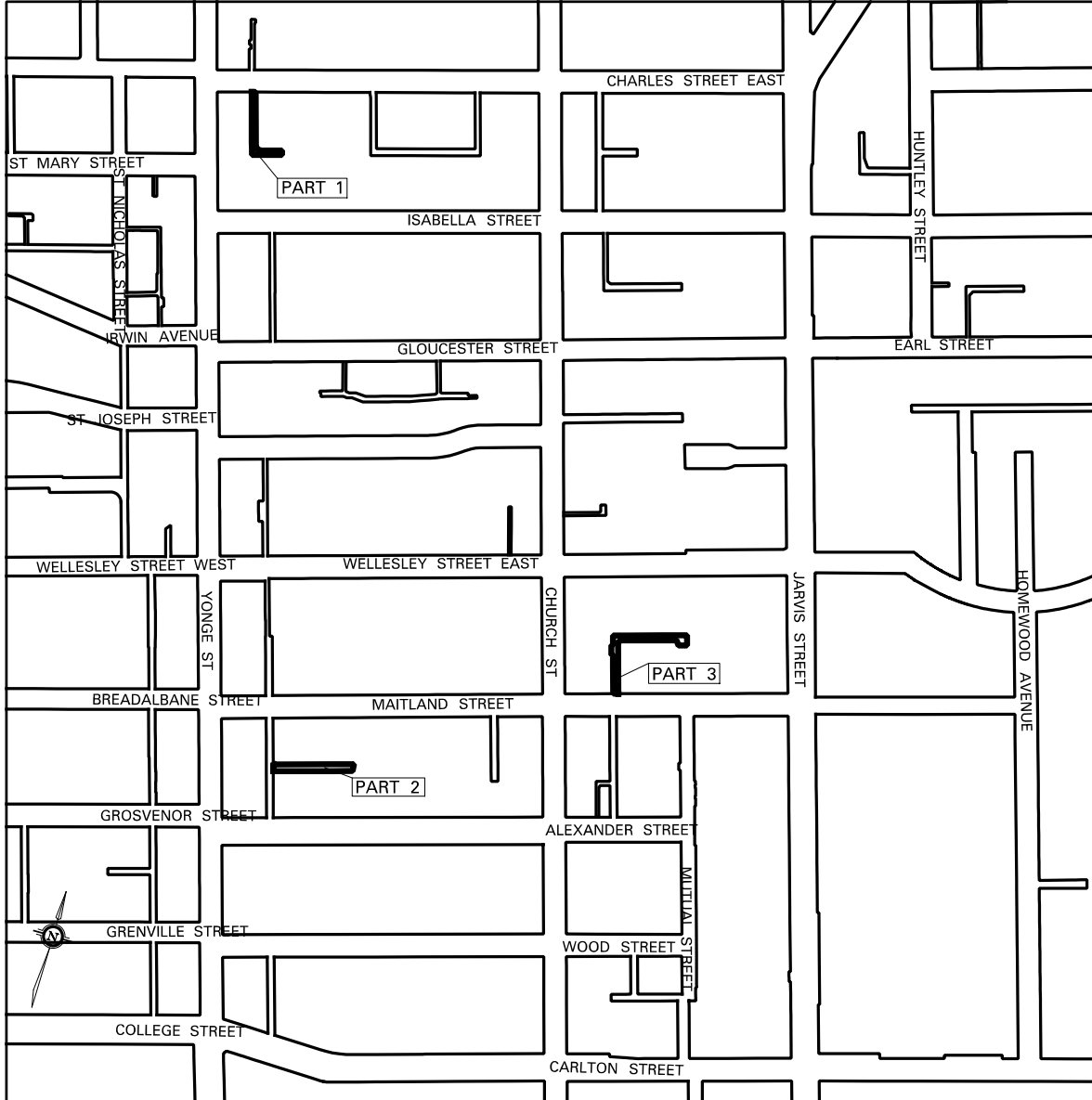
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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment No. 1 Sketch No. PS-2014-055

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 <p>ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION SERVICES ENGINEERING SERVICES LAND AND PROPERTY SURVEYS</p>	<p>PROPERTY INFORMATION SHEET</p> <p>NAMING OF PUBLIC LANES IN BLOCKS BOUNDED BY CHARLES STREET EAST, YONGE STREET, CARLTON STREET AND JARVIS STREET</p>	
	<p>NOTE: THIS SKETCH HAS BEEN COMPILED FROM OFFICE RECORDS. MEASUREMENTS ARE APPROXIMATE</p>	
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