

# REPORT FOR ACTION

# Naming of an existing Public Lane north of Queen Street West, extending easterly from Crawford Street

Date: August 22, 2019

To: Toronto and East York Community Council

From: Director, Engineering Support Services, Engineering and Construction Services

Wards: 10 Spadina-Fort York

### **SUMMARY**

This report recommends that the name "Trinity Park Lane" be approved to identify an existing public lane located north of Queen Street West, extending easterly from Crawford Street.

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

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

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

1. Approve the name "Trinity Park Lane" for an existing public lane located north of Queen Street West, extending easterly from Crawford Street.

#### FINANCIAL IMPACT

The cost to install two street name signs is approximately \$250 and is included within the Transportation Services Division Operating Budget

#### **DECISION HISTORY**

This is the first time that this issue is before Community Council.

#### COMMENTS

An application was received on April 22, 2019 from a local resident and business owner, to name the existing public lane located north of Queen Street West, extending easterly from Crawford Street, "Trinity Park Lane commemorating and preserving the history of Trinity Bellwoods Park, the original site of Trinity College and the "Trinity College Buildings'. This public lane borders Trinity Bellwoods Park.

The following rationale and background was provided by the applicant:

## "Trinity Park Lane"

"In July 1886, Trinity College gave C.R.S. Dinnick a twenty year lease on a parcel of land at the north-cast corner of Crawford and Queen. Dinnick, one of Toronto's biggest speculative builders, built a commercial block with thirteen stores at 870-894 Queen Street West. The development was called the Dinnick Block.

What is unusual, at least from our perspective, is that the development was on leased land. At the end of twenty years the land and the buildings became the property of Trinity College, who had the right to lease them again for the highest price possible. It is a really good deal for Trinity, but commercial real estate must have been very lacerative if Dinnick could develop the property and make a reasonable profit on leased land".

The proposed name has been circulated for comment and is acceptable to Toronto Police Service, Toronto Fire Services, Toronto Paramedic Services and Councillor Cressy.

Community support was demonstrated with a petition of signatures from property owners/ residents who directly abut the lane.

The lane is shown as PART 1 on Attachment No.1 Sketch No. PS-2019-084.

This naming proposal complies with the City of Toronto Street Naming Policy.

**Street Naming Policy** 

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## **SIGNATURE**

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## **ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment No. 1 Sketch No. PS-2019-084

Attachment No. 1 Sketch No. PS-2019-084, showing the location of an existing public lane north of Queen Street West, extending easterly from Crawford Street

