opening of northerly extension of lower simcoe street

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**SUMMARY**

This report recommends that the proposed public street, being the northerly extension of Lower Simcoe Street, be dedicated as public highway and named “Lower Simcoe Street”, and the portion of Simcoe Street located south of Front Street West, be renamed as “Lower Simcoe Street”.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

The City Manager recommends that:

1. the proposed public street, being the northerly extension of Lower Simcoe Street, be dedicated as public highway and named “Lower Simcoe Street” upon the transfer of lands by the Toronto Port Authority to the City;

2. the portion of Simcoe Street, south of Front Street West, be renamed as “Lower Simcoe Street”; and

3. the appropriate City Officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto, including the introduction of by-laws for the consideration of City Council.

**Financial Impact**

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

**ISSUE BACKGROUND**
The construction of the northerly extension of Lower Simcoe Street, including an underpass, between Front Street West and Bremner Boulevard, has been completed and should now be dedicated as public highway and named as Lower Simcoe Street. The portion of Simcoe Street, south of Front Street West should be renamed Lower Simcoe Street. The lands concerned are illustrated in Attachment No. 1.

As of the date of this report, a portion of the land to form part of the Lower Simcoe Street extension has not been transferred to the City. In order to expedite the dedication of the land for public highway purposes, the by-law to be enacted by Council will include a clause that will trigger the dedication of land upon its transfer from the Toronto Port Authority.

The Toronto and East York Community Council dealt with this matter at its meeting held on May 14, 2009 (TE26.8), however, the renaming of streets and dedication of land for public highway purposes are matters which have not been delegated to Community Councils and therefore these matters must be authorized by City Council.

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ATTACHMENTS
Attachment No. 1 – Map
PORTION OF SIMCOE STREET TO BE RENAMED AS "LOWER SIMCOE STREET"

PROPOSED PUBLIC STREET TO BE NAMED "LOWER SIMCOE STREET"