



**STAFF REPORT
ACTION REQUIRED**

**Naming of Public Lanes Bounded by Yonge Street,
Queen Street East, Parliament Street and the Railway
Corridor**

Date:	June 1, 2012
To:	Toronto and East York Community Council
From:	City Surveyor
Wards:	Ward 28
Reference Number:	P:\2012\Cluster B\TEC\TE12024

SUMMARY

This report recommends names for public lanes in the area bounded by Yonge Street, Queen Street East, Parliament Street and the Railway Corridor.

Community Council has delegated authority to decide street naming matters provided that the decision conforms to City Council's Street Naming Policy.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The City Surveyor recommends that:

1. Toronto East York Community Council approve the names "Ching Lane", "Ditty Lane", "Duke Mews", "Stonecutters Lane", "Duchess Lane", "Worts Lane", "Pompadour Lane" and "Rodega Lane";
2. Toronto East York Community Council not approve the names "Oak Hall Lane", "Old Post Office Lane", "Central Fire Station Lane", "Conger Coal Lane", "Tom Longboat Lane" and "Colborne Lane"; and
3. the appropriate City Officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto, including the introduction of naming by-laws.

Financial Impact

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

ISSUE BACKGROUND

We have a request from the St. Lawrence Neighbourhood Association (230 The Esplanade, Toronto, ON M5A 4L1) to name the public lanes located in the area bounded by Yonge Street, Queen Street East, Parliament Street and the Railway Corridor, as shown in Attachments 1 and 2. The background information on each name is set out in Attachment 3.

COMMENTS

The proposed names have been circulated for comment to Councillor McConnell, the Toronto East York Preservation Panel, Police Services, Fire Services and Emergency Medical Services.

The proposed names "Ching Lane", "Ditty Lane", "Duke Mews", "Stonecutters Lane", "Duchess Lane", "Worts Lane", "Pompadour Lane" and "Rodega Lane" are acceptable to all parties and are recommended for approval by the Toronto and East York Community Council. These names comply with the City of Toronto Street Naming Policy approved by City Council at its meeting held on August 1, 2, 3 and 4, 2000 (Clause 9, Report 15 of the Works Committee).

The proposed names "Oak Hall Lane", "Old Post Office Lane", "Central Fire Station Lane", "Conger Coal Lane", "Tom Longboat Lane" and "Colborne Lane" are not supported by Police, Fire and Emergency Medical Services since the proposed names sound similar to other streets in Toronto. The City of Toronto Street Naming Policy approved by City Council at its meeting held on August 1, 2, 3 and 4, 2000 (Clause 9, Report 15 of the Works Committee), states in part that "Similar sounding names such as Beach Avenue and Peach Avenue, or Apple Hill Road and Apple Road should be avoided."

Due to the objections raised by Police Services, Fire Services and Emergency Medical Services, it is recommended that the names "Oak Hall Lane", "Old Post Office Lane", "Central Fire Station Lane", "Conger Coal Lane", "Tom Longboat Lane" and "Colborne Lane" not be approved.

The comments received from interested parties on the proposed names are set out in Attachment 4.

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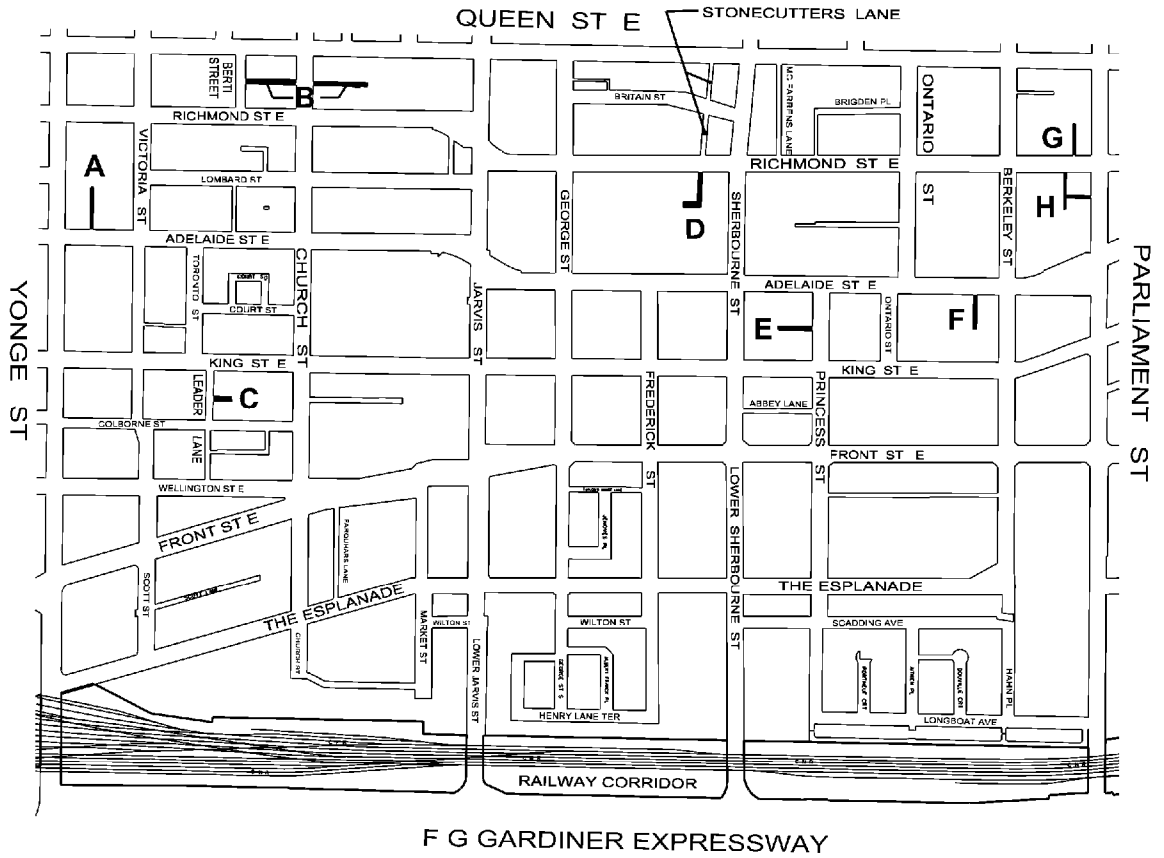
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Attachment 1 and 2 – Maps

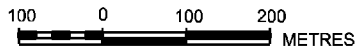
Attachment 3 – Background Information

Attachment 4 – Stakeholder Comments

Attachment No. 1

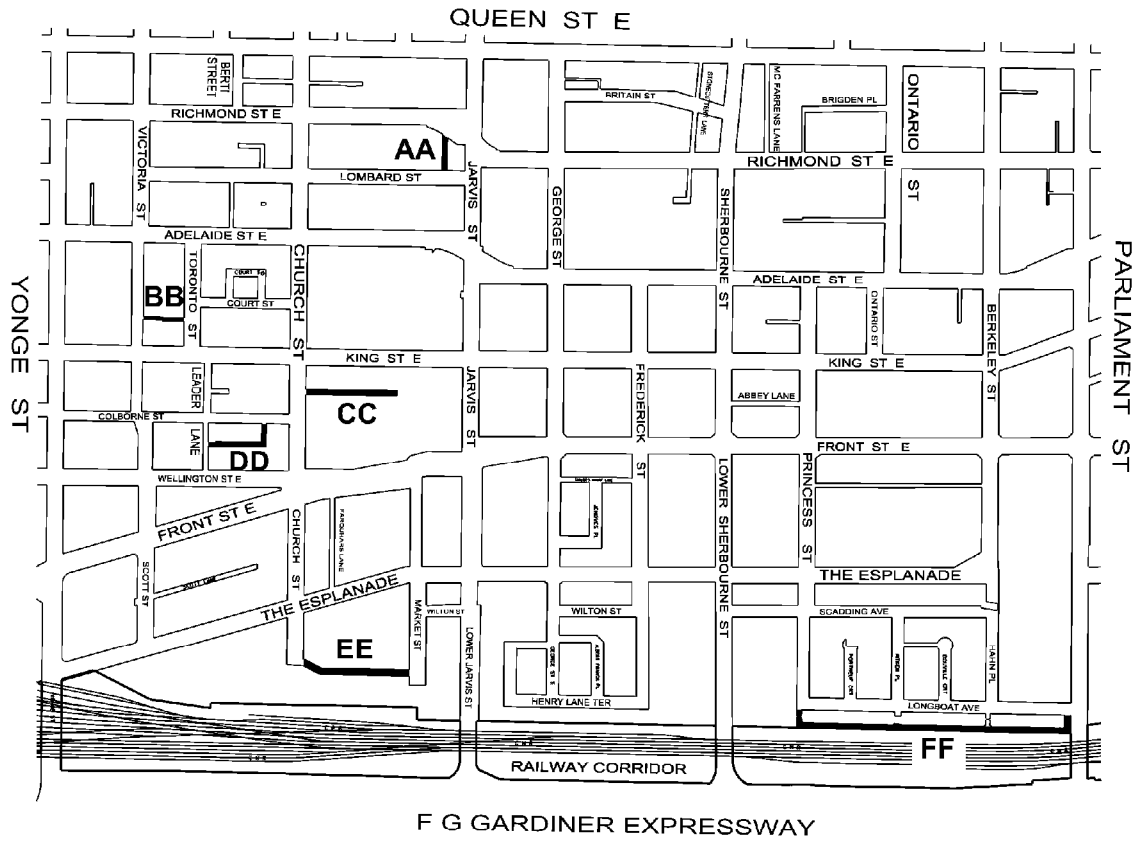


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| A - Ching Lane | C - Rodega Lane | E - Duke Mews | G - Duchess Lane |
| B - Ditty Lane | D - Stonecutters Lane | F- Pompadour Lane | H - Worts Lane |

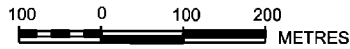


CITY OF TORONTO
 SURVEY AND UTILITY MAPPING
 WARD 28 MAY 24,2012
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Attachment No. 2



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| AA - Central Fire Station Lane | CC - Oak Hall Lane | EE - Conger Coal Lane |
| BB - Old Post Office Lane | DD - Colborne Lane | FF - Tom Longboat Lane |



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Proposed Names and Background Information
(Provided by the St. Lawrence Neighbourhood Association)

Ching Lane - To commemorate the first person of Chinese origin to own a business in Toronto (a laundry) founded in 1877 at 9 Adelaide Street East. In 1878 Sam Ching was the first Chinese person listed in the City's directory.

Ditty Lane - To commemorate the Ditty Hotel formerly located at Church and Queen.

Duke Mews - To remember Duke Street, the former name of Adelaide Street.

Stonecutters Lane - Continuation of Stonecutters Lane south of Richmond Street East. We suggest that the name apply to the lane south of Richmond as well as to the existing portion north of it.

Duchess Lane - To remember Duchess Street, the former name of Richmond Street.

Worts Lane - To commemorate James Worts who died in 1834 and was a co-founder of the Gooderham and Worts Distillery.

Pompadour Lane - To commemorate Pompadour who was a slave to Peter Russell the President of the Executive Council and Chief Administrator of York in the years between Governor Simcoe and Governor Hunter from 1796 to 1799. He lived in the Sherbourne and King area.

Rodega Lane - To commemorate the old Rodega Hotel that was in this area.

Oak Hall Lane - To commemorate "Oak Hall" which was the building/store on the site of the Sculpture Garden.

Old Post Office Lane - This lane used to be called Old Post Office Lane on City Maps and Directories but this name has fallen into disuse. The lane runs immediately south of the Seventh Toronto Post Office (10 Toronto Street.)

Central Fire Station Lane - To commemorate the old Central Fire Station that, along with Hook, Ladder and Hose Company #5, was adjacent to it.

Conger Coal Lane- To commemorate the Conger Coal Company whose yard was nearby.

Tom Longboat Lane - To commemorate Tom Longboat. Thomas Charles Longboat (Cogwagee) (1887-1949) was an Onondaga distance runner from the Six Nations of the Grand River First Nation Indian reserve near Brantford, Ontario, and for much of his career was the dominant long distance runner of the time.

Colborne Lane - This lane is sometimes called "Colborne Lane" on older maps. It is suggested this name be formalised.

Attachment No. 4

Suggested Names	Stakeholder Comments
Oak Hall Lane	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Police , Fire and EMS – Objection – currently 25 streets that begin with "Oak" • Preservation Panel – No objection • Councillor – No objection
Old Post Office Lane	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Police , Fire and EMS – Objection – currently 32 streets that begin with "Old" • Preservation Panel – No objection • Councillor – No objection
Central Fire Station Lane	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Police Fire EMS – Objection – similar to nearby Central Hospital Lane • Preservation Panel – No objection • Councillor – No objection
Conger Coal Lane	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Police , Fire and EMS – Objection – similar to Condor Avenue • Preservation Panel – No Objection • Councillor – No Objection
Tom Longboat Lane	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Police , Fire and EMS – Objection – conflicts with Longboat Avenue • Preservation Panel – No Objection • Councillor – No objection
Colborne Lane	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Police , Fire and EMS – Objection – conflicts with Colborne Street, Colborne Lodge Drive • Preservation Panel – No Objection • Councillor – No objection