



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Renaming of "Belshaw Street " to "Regent Park Boulevard"

Date:	December 14, 2012
To:	Toronto East York Community Council
From:	City Surveyor
Wards:	Ward 28
Reference Number:	P:\2013\Cluster B\TEC\TE13009

SUMMARY

On May 15, 2012, Toronto and East York Community Council adopted Item TE16.62 directing the Executive Director, Technical Services to report back on naming the new street running south from Dundas Street East between Sackville Street and Sumach Street as "Regent Park Boulevard".

Six months prior to the TEYCC Motion, on November 14, 2011, Registered Plan 66M-2491 formally named this street "Belshaw Street". Therefore, any consideration of "Regent Park Boulevard" would be a renaming under the City of Toronto Honourific and Street Naming Policy.

The proposed name "Regent Park Boulevard" does not comply with the City of Toronto Honourific and Street Naming Policy and is objectionable to Police Services, Fire Services, and Emergency Medical Services.

This report recommends that the proposed name "Regent Park Boulevard" not be approved for the renaming of "Belshaw Street".

RECOMMENDATIONS

Technical Services recommends that Toronto East York Community Council:

- (1) not approve the name, "Regent Park Boulevard" for the renaming of the street previously named "Belshaw Street".

Financial Impact

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

ISSUE BACKGROUND

At the meeting of May 15, 2012, Toronto and East York Community Council adopted Item TE16.62 which contained the following recommendation:

1. *Directed the City Surveyor to report back to the Toronto and East York Community Council on naming the new City of Toronto street running south from Dundas Street East between Sackville Street and Sumach Street as "Regent Park Boulevard".*

City of Toronto Agenda Item 2012.TE16.62 - Naming of Street "P" as Regent Park Boulevard
[HTTP://APP.TORONTO.CA/TMMIS/VIEWAGENDAITEMHISTORY.DO?ITEM=2012.TE16.62](http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewagendaitemhistory.do?item=2012.TE16.62)

COMMENTS

The proposed name "Regent Park Boulevard" does not comply with the following sections of the City of Toronto Honourific and Street Naming Policy:

6.1.1 In line with current practice, for the naming of ward-specific properties and streets, division staff shall only recommend names that:

- *are unique, to avoid confusion*

6.3.1.2 Similar sounding names such as Beach Avenue and Peach Avenue, or Apple Hill Road and Apple Road shall be avoided.

The proposed name is not unique in that it is similar sounding to "Regent Boulevard" (Etobicoke), "Regent Road" (North York), "Regent Street" (York), and "Regent Street" (Toronto) which is located just 2 blocks west of "Belshaw Street".

With the formal naming of the street as "Belshaw Street" by Plan 66M-2491, municipal addresses were assigned to identify the proposed building entrances fronting the street. Those addresses would be affected by any renaming.

The proposed name "Regent Park Boulevard" was circulated for comment to the Toronto and East York Preservation Panel, Police Services, Fire Services and Emergency Medical Services.

Police Services, Fire Services and Emergency Medical Services objected to the proposed name as there already exists the similar sounding names mentioned earlier in this report.

The Toronto East York Preservation Panel and Councillor McConnell support the name.

Due to non-compliance with the Policy it is recommended that the name "Regent Park Boulevard" not be approved for the renaming of "Belshaw Street".

The City of Toronto Honourific and Street Naming Policy can be found at:
http://www.toronto.ca/mapping/street_naming/index.htm

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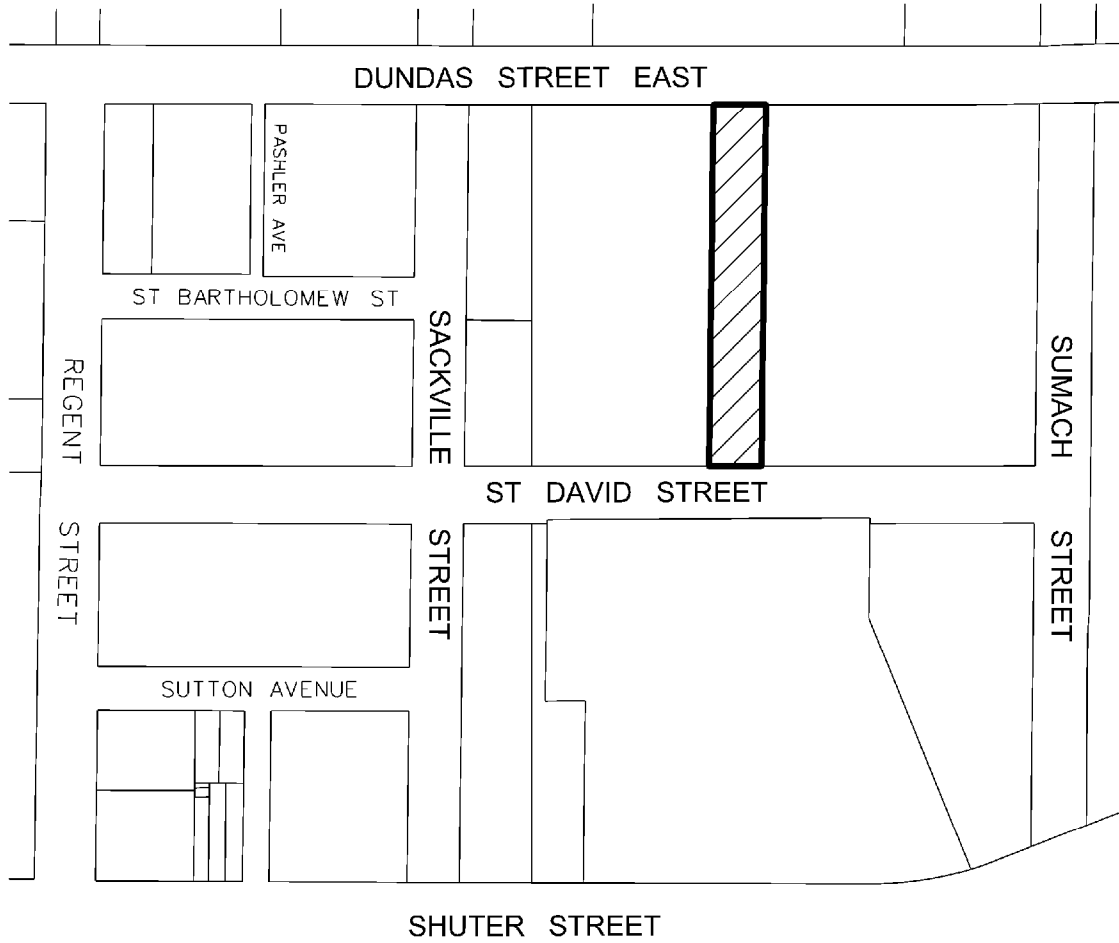
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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment No. 1 - Location Map

Attachment No. 1



BELSHAW STREET - PROPOSED TO BE CHANGED TO "REGENT PARK BOULEVARD"



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SURVEY AND UTILITY MAPPING
WARD 28 OCTOBER 15, 2012
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