To: Toronto and East York Community Council

Subject: Renaming the portion of Elizabeth Street extending northerly from College Street as "Dr. Emily Stowe Way".

Dr. Emily Howard Jennings Stowe was the first Canadian woman to practice medicine in Canada, and a life-long champion of women's rights. In 1883, Dr. Stowe spearheaded the creation of the Ontario Medical College for Women, the precursor to Women's College Hospital which celebrated its 100th Anniversary in 2011. Women's College Hospital is undergoing an extensive renovation to build two new hospital buildings and when completed will be Canada's only hospital with a mandate to provide exemplary research, teaching and clinical treatment in women's health. Renaming the portion of Elizabeth Street running north from College Street to Grenville Street to honour Dr. Emily Stowe will create a ceremonial entrance to the new Women's College Hospital.

Recommendation:

That Toronto and East York Community Council:

1. Request the City Surveyor to investigate and report to Toronto and East York Community Council on the suitability of renaming that portion of Elizabeth Street extending northerly from College Street as "Dr. Emily Stowe Way".

Enclosed is a letter of request from Women's College Hospital to support the renaming of this portion of Elizabeth Street and further information about Dr. Stowe.

Thank you and I shall look forward to the staff report.

Respectfully submitted,

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