



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Naming of a Public Lane located west of Church Street extending southerly from Charles Street East

Date:	April 15, 2013
To:	Toronto and East York Community Council
From:	Manager Land and Property Surveys
Wards:	Ward 27
Reference Number:	P:\2013\Cluster B\TEC\ TE13029

SUMMARY

At its meeting on February 26, 2013 the Toronto and East York Community Council adopted Item TE22.94 which requested the Manager, Land and Property Surveys to investigate and report back on the suitability of naming a public lane as "Macy Dubois Lane".

This report recommends that the name "Macy Dubois Lane" not be approved because it does not comply with the City of Toronto Honourific and Street Naming Policy.

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

RECOMMENDATIONS

Engineering and Construction Services recommends that:

1. Toronto and East York Community Council not approve the name "Macy Dubois Lane".

Financial Impact

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

ISSUE BACKGROUND

At its meeting on February 26, 2013, Toronto and East York Community Council adopted Item TE22.94 which contained the following recommendation:

1. *Requested the Manager, Land and Property Surveys, Toronto and East York District, to investigate and report to Toronto and East York Community Council on the suitability of naming the public lane located west of Church Street extending southerly from Charles Street East as "Macy Dubois Lane".*

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2013.TE22.94>

The subject lane is shown as Part 1 in Attachment 1 – Sketch No. PS-2013-034

The following background information was provided by the Church Wellesley Neighbourhood Association:

"Macy Dubois (December 20, 1929 – November 9, 2007) Macy Dubois was born in Baltimore, Maryland and studied at Tufts University and Harvard's Graduate School of Design before moving to Toronto. As a founding member of Fairfield and DuBois architectural firm, he played a central role in shaping the city's built form throughout the 1960s, 1970s and 1980s. At the forefront of the concrete construction movement, he designed numerous buildings across the city including Oxford University Press, New College at the University of Toronto, the offices for Dow Corning Silicones, The Standards Life-Taylor Woodrow Building, the Casa Loma campus of George Brown College and Scaramouche restaurant. Working outside of Toronto, he designed, amongst other buildings, the Ontario Pavilion at Expo67 in Montreal and the Canadian Embassy in Beijing, China. Renaming the portion of lane west of Church Street running south from Charles Street East to honour Macy Dubois will help commemorate a man who played a crucial role in shaping the City of Toronto and our interaction with it."

COMMENTS

The proposed name has been circulated for comment to Toronto Police Services, Toronto Emergency Medical Services, Toronto Fire Services and the Toronto Preservation Panel.

The proposed name is acceptable to Toronto Fire Services and the Toronto Preservation Panel. It is supported by Councillor Wong-Tam. Consent for the proposed name has been provided by Mr. Dubois's spouse.

The proposed name is not acceptable to Toronto Emergency Medical Services and Toronto Police Services as there is already a "Macey Avenue".

The proposed name "Macy Dubois Lane" does not comply with Sections 6.1.5, 6.3.1.2 of the City of Toronto Honourific and Street Naming Policy which state:

6.1.5 Only a person's last name should be used as a street name unless additional identification is necessary to prevent duplication with an existing street name in Toronto and surrounding municipalities.

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

The proposed name is similar to an existing street, "Macey Avenue" in Scarborough.

Because this name does not comply with the City of Toronto Honourific and Street Naming Policy, it is not recommended for approval.

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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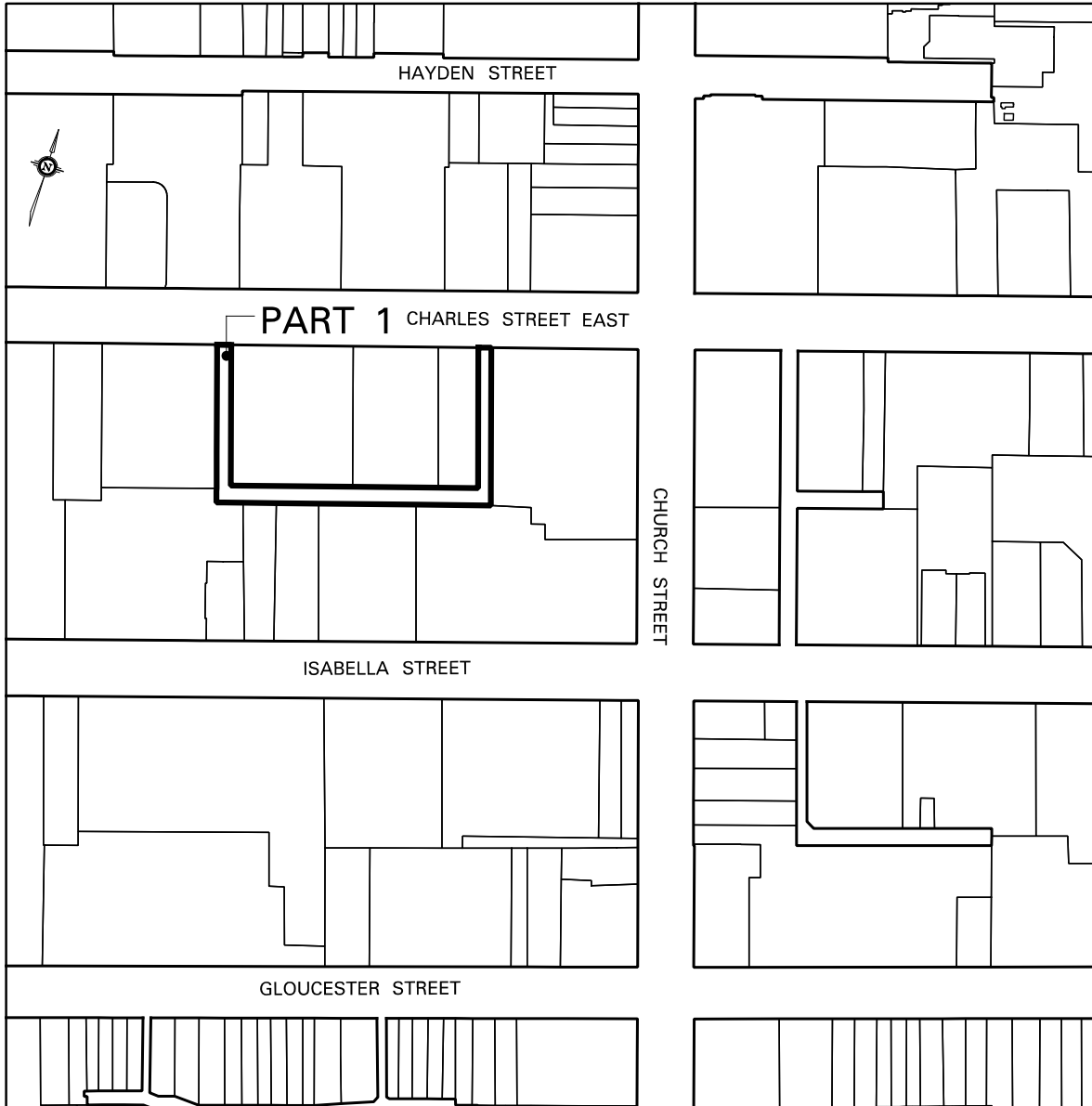
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ATTACHMENT

Attachment 1– Sketch No. PS-2013-034

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SURVEY & UTILITY MAPPING

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WARD 27 - TORONTO CENTRE-ROSEDALE
DATE: APRIL 10, 2013

PROPERTY INFORMATION SHEET

SKETCH SHOWING PUBLIC LANE LOCATED WEST OF
CHURCH STREET EXTENDING SOUTHERLY FROM
CHARLES STREET EAST

SKETCH No. PS-2013-034