



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Naming of Public Lane located west of Simcoe Street extending south of Richmond Street West

Date:	April 21, 2016
To:	Toronto and East York Community Council
From:	Director, Engineering Support Services
Wards:	Ward 20
Reference Number:	P:\2016\Cluster B\TEC\ TE16022

SUMMARY

This report recommends that the name "Twilight Lane" be approved to identify a public lane located west of Simcoe Street extending south of Richmond Street West.

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

RECOMMENDATIONS

Engineering and Construction Services recommends that Toronto and East York Community Council:

1. Approve the name "Twilight Lane" for a public lane located west of Simcoe Street extending south of Richmond Street West.

Financial Impact

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

ISSUE BACKGROUND

An application was received on December 2, 2015 from Colm Hogan requesting that the public lane located west of Simcoe Street extending south of Richmond Street West be named "Twilight Lane" in honour of the Twilight Zone nightclub which existed in the 1980's. The following background information was provided by the applicant:

"Twilight Lane"

"The Twilight Zone was a nightclub located at 185 Richmond Street West, directly beside the proposed laneway. The club first opened in 1981 when the area was originally referred to as the Garment District. The Twilight Zone was founded by four brothers, all born in Trinidad who arrived in Canada via Brooklyn, New York.

During the club's highly successful nine year operation, The Twilight Zone brought in many ground-breaking international artists, featured outstanding music and held many seminal fashion shows. It helped establish Toronto as an international destination hub by providing a venue for outstanding art and culture not previously available in the city.

The club's clientele was as eclectic as the music. It was the first large scale venue to be available to a multi-ethnic and diverse populace. This helped shape Toronto as a safe space for everyone, regardless of ethnicity, sexuality or income to enjoy themselves and network with each other.

Finally, as the first successful large-scale entertainment-based business in the area, The Twilight Zone was instrumental in the formation of this city's Entertainment District which still exists today as a vibrant, exciting element of Toronto's character".

The lane is shown as PART 1 on Attachment No.1 Sketch No. PS-2016-053.

COMMENTS

The proposed name has been circulated for comment and is acceptable to Toronto Police Service, Toronto Fire Services, and Toronto Paramedic Services.

Councillor Cressy supports this naming proposal.

This naming proposal complies with the City of Toronto Street Naming Policy.

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2015.EX7.8>

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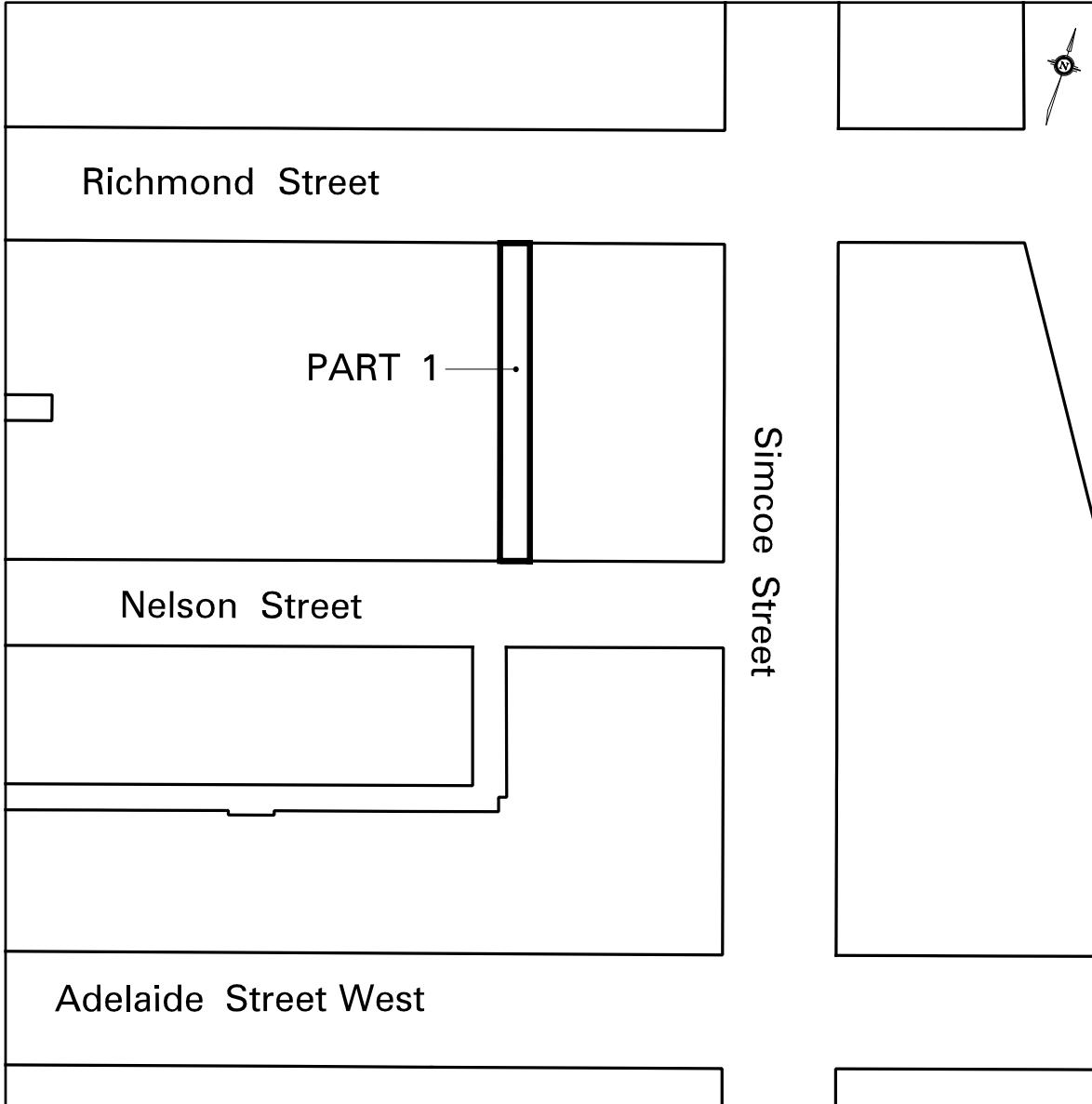
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ATTACHMENT

Attachment No. 1 Sketch No. PS-2016-053



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PROPERTY INFORMATION SHEET
NAMING OF A PUBLIC LANE WEST OF
SIMCOE STREET, EXTENDING SOUTH OF
RICHMOND STREET WEST

WARD 20 - TRINITY-SPADINA)
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