This report recommends that the name "Peggy Delaney Way" be approved to identify a public lane located south of Queen Street East, extending between Lee Avenue and Leuty Avenue.

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 "Peggy Delaney Way" for a public lane located south of Queen Street East, extending between Lee Avenue and Leuty Avenue.

Financial Impact

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

ISSUE BACKGROUND

On January 20, 2016, an application was received from Rory O'Shea, son of the late Peggy Delaney, requesting that a lane in Toronto be named after his mother. The following excerpts have been provided from many of her supporters:
"Peggy Delaney Way"
"Peggy Delaney died April 5, 2010"

"Peggy was born in Dublin on June 1st, 1924. She was a legend in the Canadian Irish community for her support of causes related to her homeland. She devoted countless hours to a wide variety of Canadian charitable and community endeavours such as The United Way, Inner City Angels and the Canadian Rhett Syndrome Society. She also played an important role in bringing together the large Canadian Irish community in Toronto and throughout Ontario. She has been behind numerous Irish cultural events, providing support to seniors, raising funds for peace and reconciliation in Ireland and the establishment of Ireland Park in Toronto. The park, established on Toronto’s waterfront, commemorates the 40,000 Irish famine victims who arrived in Toronto in the 1840s. She was a tireless advocate for her causes.

"Her leadership and guidance in the Irish Community has had a major positive impact on the many organizations she has assisted over the years. She believed strongly that the promotion of Irish culture and heritage greatly enhances the richness of Ontario’s cultural fabric. She played a role in the TV documentary ‘Death or Canada’, a co-production that aired in Ireland and Canada."

"She assisted fundraising efforts in the Irish community to ensure supplies were airlifted to Madagascar to build a new school."

"Her compassion, generous heart and spirit made her a wonderful role model for those who knew her. She inspired so many young adults in the community. She encouraged them always to show gratitude and think of others and her beautiful thank you notes are legendary."

"In 1970 she completed the 26-mile walkathon ‘Miles for Millions’ to raise money for the impoverished of Africa & South Asia."

"In 1972 she joined Sacred Heart Children’s Village in Scarborough as a treasured caregiver for emotionally disturbed children."

"In 1977 she became the founding member & first Executive Director of Ireland Fund of Canada raising millions of dollars and strengthening ties between Canada and the north & south of Ireland."

"In 1997 she coordinated the visit of Ireland’s Special Olympics team to Toronto & Collingwood. The Team returned to Dublin with 14 medals!"

"During the 56 years that Peggy proudly lived in Ontario, she motivated and inspired countless people to become engaged in the lives of others whether it is helping those that are less fortunate, fundraising for events that will make our world a better place and sharing Irish art, music and culture with other Ontarians."

The lane is shown as PART 1 on Attachment No.1 Sketch No. PS-2016-052.

COMMENTS

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

Councillor McMahon supports this naming proposal.
Consent was provided by Rory O'Shea, son of Peggy Delaney.

Community support in the form of a petition from the owners, whose properties abut the lane, was provided by the applicant.

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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ATTACHMENT

Attachment No. 1 Sketch No. PS-2016-052
PROPERTY INFORMATION SHEET

NAMING OF A PUBLIC LANE SOUTH OF QUEEN STREET EAST EXTENDING BETWEEN LEE AVENUE & LEAUTY AVENUE

ATTACHMENT NO. 1 SKETCH NO. PS-2016-052

NOTE:
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