

## **Naming of a Public Lane south of Hepbourne Street extending easterly from Delaware Avenue**

<b>Date:</b>	May 26, 2017
<b>To:</b>	Toronto and East York Community Council
<b>From:</b>	Director, Engineering Support Services
<b>Wards:</b>	Ward 19
<b>Reference Number:</b>	P:\2016\Cluster B\TEC\TE16025

### **SUMMARY**

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This report recommends that the name "Billy Bryans Lane" be approved to identify the public lane south of Hepbourne Street extending easterly from Delaware Avenue.

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

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

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

- (1) Approve the name "Billy Bryans Lane" for the public lane south of Hepbourne Street extending easterly from Delaware Avenue.

### **Financial Impact**

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

### **ISSUE BACKGROUND**

A request was received to name the lane extending easterly from Delaware Avenue between Dewson Street and Hepbourne Street as "Billy Bryans Lane".

The following background Information is provided:

*"Billy Bryans was born in Montreal but spent most of his adult life in Toronto. He moved to Toronto with his group "Theodore's Smokeshop" in 1970. He acted as the Engineer for the Downchild Blues Band album titled "Bootleg" (1971), thought to be the first artist-produced and independently distributed album in Canadian history. He produced*

*"The Gathering", a compilation album of Canadian World music artists which won the inaugural Juno Award for World Music Album of the Year at the Juno Awards of 1992. In the 2000's, he focused extensively on promoting Latin music in Canada".*

An article dated April 23, 2012 in the Toronto Star provided some further information:

*"Born in Montreal, Bryans came to Toronto in the 1970s where he became part of the Queen St. scene during the late 1970s and early 1980s, performing with New Wave groups like The Government and producing for groups like the Bop Cats and the Original Sloth Band."*

*Bryans met singer Lorraine Segato and co-founded The Parachute Club in 1982. The group had three Top 40 hits between 1983 and 1987, including "Rise Up," "At the Feet of the Moon" and "Love is Fire."*

A letter dated February 6, 2013, from Bloorcourt BIA supports this naming:

*"On behalf of the Bloorcourt Business Improvement Area, I am writing this letter in support of the Delaware & Concord Avenue residents' initiative to name a local laneway after Billy Bryans, the musician who resided on Delaware Avenue for a number of years.*

*The laneway is just south of our BIA and naming it in Billy Bryans' honour would pay homage to his contribution to the Toronto music community and garner further interest in our neighbourhood."*

The subject lane is shown as Part 1 on Attachment No. 1 - Sketch No. PS-2012-123.

## **COMMENTS**

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

Councillor Layton supports the name.

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

Consent for this naming has been provided by Lorraine Segato, the executor of Mr. Bryan's estate.

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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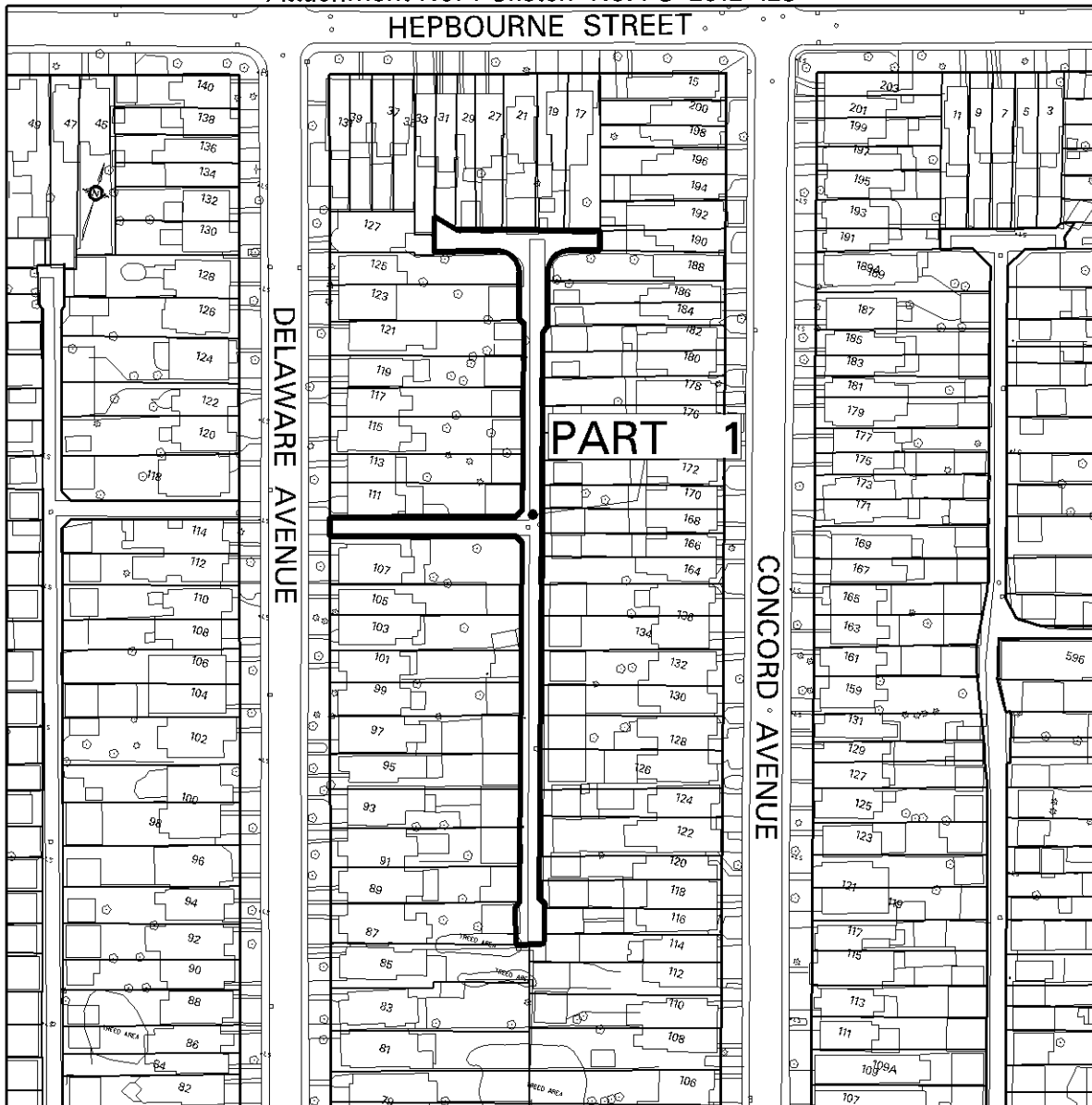
## **SIGNATURE**

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Mika Raisanen, Director  
Engineering Support Services

## **ATTACHMENT**

Attachment No. 1 – Sketch No. PS-2012-123



PROPERTY INFORMATION SHEET

CITY OWNED LAND

SKETCH SHOWING THE PUBLIC LANE EXTENDING  
EASERTLY FROM DELAWARE AVENUE BETWEEN  
DEWSON STREET AND HEPBOURNE STREET

**TORONTO**

TECHNICAL SERVICES DIVISION  
SURVEY & UTILITY MAPPING

NOTE:

THIS SKETCH HAS BEEN  
COMPILED FROM OFFICE  
RECORDS. MEASUREMENTS  
ARE APPROXIMATE

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WARD 19 - TRINITY-SPADINA

DATE: JANUARY 03, 2013

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