SUMMARY

This report recommends that the name "Desmond Lane" be approved to identify a public lane located north of Queen Street West extending westerly from Manning 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 "Desmond Lane" for a public lane located north of Queen Street West extending westerly from Manning Avenue.

Financial Impact

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

ISSUE BACKGROUND

On November 23, 2015, an application was received from Roger Desmond, son of the late Charles Desmond and Ruth Desmond, who both served in the Canadian Armed Forces, requesting that the lane located north of Queen Street West extending westerly from Manning Avenue be named "Desmond Lane" after his parents. Mr. Desmond provided the following information:
Charles and Ruth Desmond
"Charles Desmond, my father was a sergeant in the Canadian Armed Forces. My mother, Ruth Desmond was a nurse in the Canadian Armed Forces. This is where they met. They married and left the army base living to raise their children. My father stayed in the army & my mother raised my two sisters and myself while he was away. My parents bought the home at 10 Manning Ave well over 59 years ago and the Desmond's have been the longest living resident's on Manning Ave. Out of respect for my parents for having served in the military and fighting for freedom and the fact that a "Desmond" still lives at the same house which abuts the lane being named, I ask that consideration be given to name the lane to the rear of 10 Manning Ave, "Desmond Lane", after my parents."

The lane is shown as PART 1 on Attachment No.1 Sketch No. PS-2016-078.

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 this naming proposal.

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

Ruth Desmond died in 2009. Charles Desmond died in 1982. Consent was provided by Roger Desmond, son of Charles and Ruth Desmond.

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-2016-078
Property Information Sheet

NAMING OF PUBLIC LANE LOCATED NORTH OF
QUEEN STREET WEST, EXTENDING WESTERLY FROM
MANNING STREET

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