

Naming of 5 Public Lanes in blocks bounded by Cottingham Street, Avenue Road, Macpherson Avenue and Rathnelly Avenue

Date: March 16, 2017

To: Toronto and East York Community Council

From: Director, Engineering Support Services, Engineering & Construction Services

Wards: Ward 22 St. Paul's

SUMMARY

This report recommends the naming of 5 public lanes in blocks bounded by Cottingham Street, Avenue Road, Macpherson Avenue and Rathnelly Avenue.

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

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

1. Approve the name "Robin Fraser Lane" to identify the public lane located east of Rathnelly Avenue, between Cottingham Street and McMaster Avenue.
2. Approve the name "Rebellion Lane" to identify the public lane located east of Rathnelly Avenue and running parallel to Cottingham Street.
3. Approve the name "Stop Spadina Lane" to identify the public lane located west of Avenue Road, between Cottingham Street and McMaster Avenue.
4. Approve the name "Aileen Robertson Lane" to identify the public lane located east of Rathnelly Avenue, between McMaster Avenue and Macpherson Avenue.
5. Approve the name to "Michael Snow Lane" to identify the public located west of Avenue Road and running parallel to Macpherson Avenue.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The cost to install 10 street name signs is approximately \$2500 and is included within the Transportation Services Division Operating Budget.

DECISION HISTORY

On January 9, 2017 an application was received from the Rathnelly Area Residents Association to name public lanes in the blocks bounded by Cottingham Street, Avenue Road, Macpherson Avenue and Rathnelly Avenue. The proposed names are shown on Attachment 1 – Sketch No. PS-2017-017 according to the following schedule:

Part #	Proposed Name
1	Robin Fraser Lane
2	Rebellion Lane
3	Stop Spadina Lane
4	Aileen Robertson Lane
5	Michael Snow Lane

The following summaries have been provided by the applicant:

"Robin Fraser Lane"

One of the founders of the Rathnelly Area Residents Association, Robin authored our constitution, and spent 40 years defending the Republic of Rathnelly against unwanted development. Living most of his life at 31 Rathnelly, the Republic would not be what it is today without him. Robin has advanced Parkinson's disease and is unable to write or email. His spouse, Mary Ellen Hebb, has provided consent on his behalf.

"Rebellion Lane"

Cheekily declaring independence during the 1967 Centennial celebrations, Rathnelly residents came together to protest and to bring attention to the impact of building expressways into the heart of Toronto neighbourhoods.

"Stop Spadina Lane"

The Spadina Expressway and Crosstown Expressway, had they been built, would have turned Rathnelly into an off-ramp. Narrowly escaping approvals, protest by citizens in Rathnelly and across the city proved civic action works.

"Aileen Robertson Lane"

Aileen Robertson lived on Rathnelly Ave. from 1924 to 1986. She was crowned Queen Aileen the First in 1967 and until her death at nearly 100 she presided over each biannual Rathnelly Day with dignity and an immense sense of humour.

Will Leggat, great nephew of the late Aileen Robertson has provided consent.

"Michael Snow Lane"

Michael Snow has lived for many years at 176 Cottingham St. with his wife Peggy Gale. An artist known across Canada and internationally as a painter, sculptor, filmmaker, and author, his work hangs in the National Gallery of Canada, the AGO, the MOMA, the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts, and the Vancouver Art Gallery.

Michael Snow provided consent.

COMMENTS

The proposed names have been circulated for comment and are acceptable to Toronto Police Service, Toronto Fire Services, and Toronto Paramedic Services and Councillor Matlow.

Community Support, in the form of a petition from some of the residents whose properties abut the lanes was provided by the applicant. In addition, a letter of support for these namings has been received from Kendra Thompson, President of the Rathnelly Area Residents Association.

In those instances where lanes are being named after individuals, the individuals being honoured meet the Street Naming Policy criteria of having made contributions to their community.

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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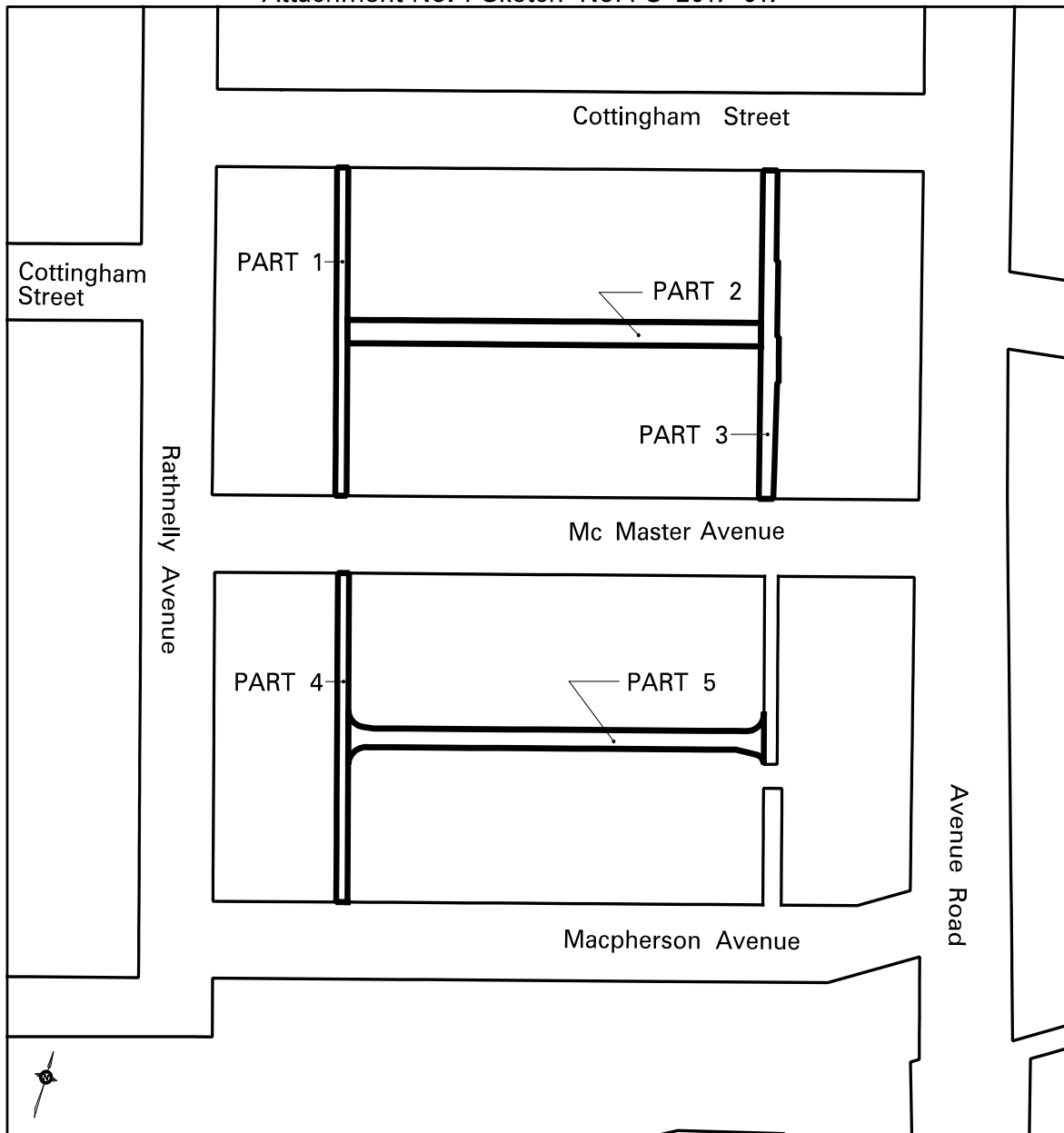
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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment No. 1 Sketch No. PS-2017-017

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COMPILED FROM OFFICE
RECORDS. MEASUREMENTS
ARE APPROXIMATE

CHECK BY JOHN HOUSE
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PROPERTY INFORMATION SHEET

NAMING OF PUBLIC LANES LOCATED IN BLOCKS
BOUNDED BY COTTINGHAM STREET, AVENUE ROAD,
MACPHERSON AVENUE AND RATHNELLY AVENUE

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