REPORT FOR ACTION

Naming of a Public Lane north of Queen Street West, extending easterly from Brock Avenue

Date: May 25, 2017
To: Toronto and East York Community Council
From: Director, Engineering Support Services, Engineering & Construction Services
Wards: Ward 14 Parkdale-High Park

SUMMARY

This report recommends that the name "St. Francis Lane" be approved to identify the public lane north of Queen Street West, extending easterly from Brock 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 "St. Francis Lane" for a public lane north of Queen Street West, extending easterly from Brock Avenue.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The cost to install street name signage is approximately $300 and is included within the Transportation Services Division Operating Budget.

DECISION HISTORY

On February 7, 2017 a request was received from Brother John Frampton of St. Francis Table, to name the public lane north of Queen Street West, extending easterly from Brock Avenue "St. Francis Lane" in celebration of the 30th Anniversary of St. Francis Table and in honour of its work serving meals to the hungry.
St. Francis Table

St. Francis Table is a restaurant for the poor with over 1.2 million meals served to the hungry. Christmas Day 2017 will mark its 30th anniversary.

Half of our patrons are post-psychiatric patients who are unable to work due to their illness. Many of our patrons spend most of their meager income on accommodation. About one quarter of our patrons are senior citizens who come for nourishment and companionship. We also provide meals to single parents, refugees, the unemployed, transients, ex-convicts and people living in our city’s streets, parks and alleys.

In keeping with our Franciscan heritage, no one is turned away without the offer of a meal. We request a small donation of one dollar which is to help our brothers and sisters retain their sense of dignity. A meal at St. Francis Table is more than simply another handout, but an opportunity for community, advocacy and friendship.

COMMENTS

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

Councillor Perks supports this naming proposal.

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

The lane is shown as PART 1 on Attachment No.1 Sketch No. PS-2017-033.

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

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ATTACHMENT

Attachment No. 1 Sketch No. PS-2017-033
NAMING OF A PUBLIC LANE LOCATED, NORTH OF QUEEN STREET WEST EXTENDING EASTERLY FROM BROCK AVENUE