

## **Naming of a Public Lane in Block Bounded by College Street, Augusta Avenue, Oxford Street and Bellevue Avenue**

**Date:** 01- February 2018

**To:** Toronto and East York Community Council

**From:** Director, Engineering Support Services, Engineering and Construction Services

**Wards:** 20 Trinity-Spadina

### **SUMMARY**

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This report recommends that the name "Campbell Russell Lane" be approved to identify a public lane in block bounded by College Street, Augusta Avenue, Oxford Street and Bellevue 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 "Campbell Russell Lane" for a public lane in block bounded by College Street, Augusta Avenue, Oxford Street and Bellevue Avenue

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

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The cost to install two street name signs is approximately \$500 and is included within the Transportation Services Division Operating Budget.

### **DECISION HISTORY**

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This is the first time that this issue is before Community Council.

## COMMENTS

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An application was made by Maggie Helwig, to name the lane in the block bounded by College Street, Augusta Avenue, Oxford Street and Bellevue Avenue as "Campbell Russell Lane". The applicant provided the following rationale:

*"The Reverend Campbell Russell was the incumbent at the Church of St. Stephen-in-the-Fields from 1972 to 1982 and was a significant figure in the Kensington Market community. He was instrumental in the founding of St. Stephen's Community House as the independent multi-service agency it now is, and served on their first board of directors; he created the Stop 103 food bank, which later developed into the Stop Community Food Centre; and he was a pioneer in intercultural ministry during the period when many immigrants from the Caribbean were settling in Kensington Market. His vision of St. Stephen-in-the-Fields as a place which exists to serve everyone in the community, regardless of their religious affiliation, continues to this day.*

*Both St. Stephen-in-the-Fields and St. Stephen's Community House abut the laneway in question (the church on the west and the Community House on the east), and it would be highly appropriate to commemorate Campbell Russell and his contributions to the community by naming this laneway for him."*

Consent was provided by Campbell A. Russell, the named party.

Subsequent to the application being made, and consent being given by the named party, the Reverend Campbell Russell passed away on August 4, 2017.

This naming was then reviewed under the provisions of Section 3.8 of the Street Naming Policy which states:

*"3.8 Street names, including ceremonial names, shall not:*

*"3.8.6 Make a direct or indirect reference to recent events or recently deceased individuals, except where the event or the individual had a legacy or significant contributions to the City of Toronto. Names of recent events or recently deceased individual may be considered after two years"*

Based on the legacy of significant contributions to the City of Toronto made by The Reverend Campbell Russell, it is determined that this naming is in compliance with the Street Naming Policy.

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

A sampling of support demonstrated through support letters from the community and owners/residents who abut the lane was provided by the applicant.

The lane is shown as PART 1 on Attachment No.1 Sketch No. PS-2017-089.

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

[Street Naming Policy](#)

## **CONTACT**

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## **SIGNATURE**

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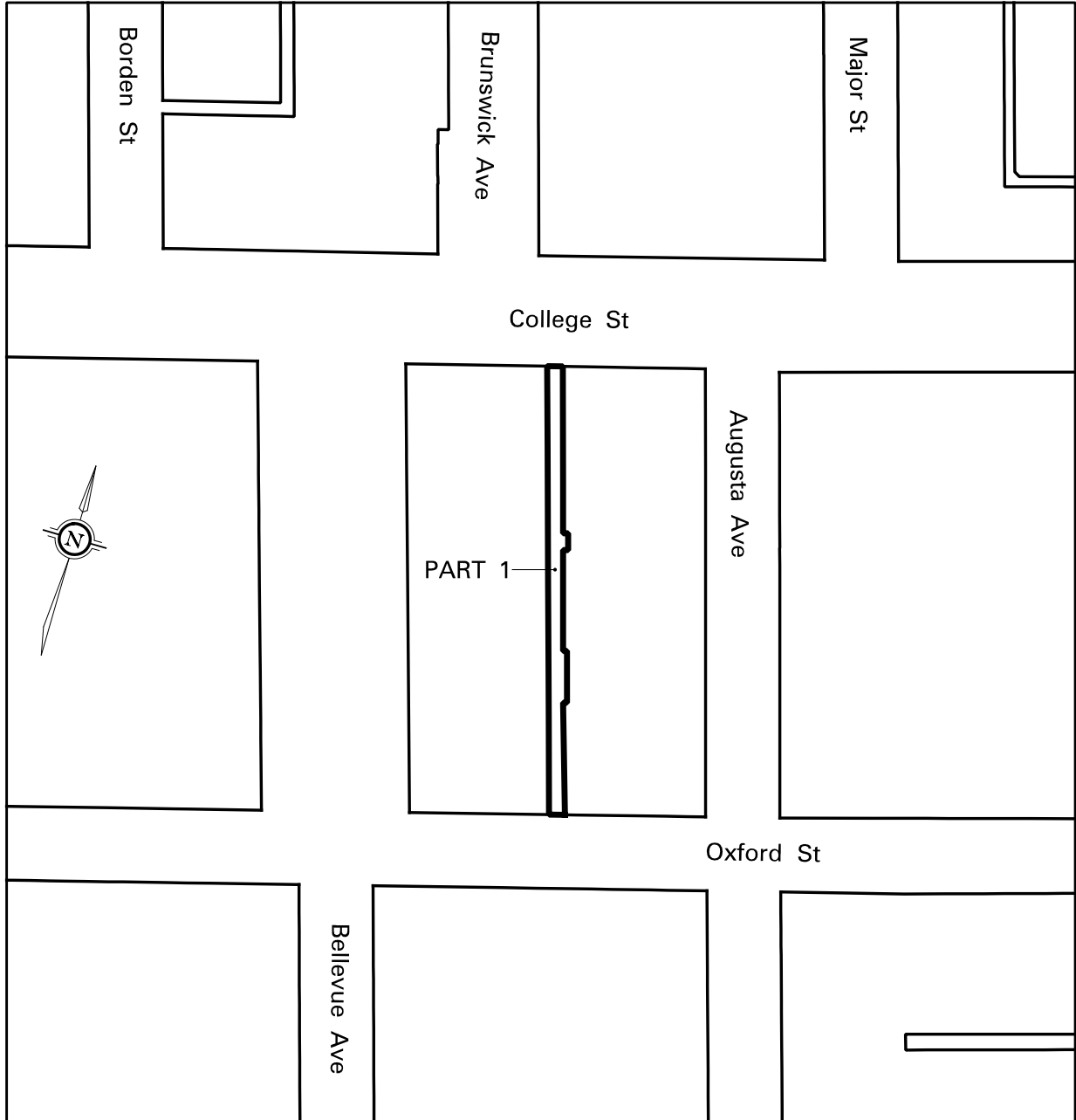
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## **ATTACHMENT**

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Attachment No. 1 Sketch No. PS-2017-089

Attachment No. 1 Sketch No. PS-2017-089, showing the location of the public lane in block bounded by College Street, Augusta Avenue, Oxford Street and Bellevue Avenue, extending southerly from College Street to Oxford Street



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DATE: OCTOBER 19, 2017

PROPERTY INFORMATION SHEET  
NAMING OF A PUBLIC LANE IN THE BLOCK  
BOUNDED BY COLLEGE STREET, AUGUSTA AVENUE,  
OXFORD STREET, AND BELLEVUE AVENUE

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