

Naming of Private Walkway adjacent to Wellesley Subway Station

Date: August 11, 2021

To: Toronto and East York Community Council

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

Wards: 13 Toronto Centre

SUMMARY

This report recommends that the name "Travellers' Way" be approved to identify a private walkway adjacent to Wellesley Subway Station.

This naming proposal complies with the City of Toronto Street Naming Policy which can be found at <https://www.toronto.ca/city-government/planning-development/street-naming/>

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

1. Approve the name "Travellers' Way" to identify a private walkway adjacent to Wellesley Subway Station.
2. Request the applicant to pay the costs, estimated to be \$500.00, for the fabrication and installation of the street name signage; and
3. Request the owner and successors of the subject lands to maintain, at their own risk, the street name signage installed under Recommendations 1 of the report.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There are no financial implications to the City resulting from the adoption of this report. The estimated cost of \$500.00 for the street name signage is to be paid by the applicant.

DECISION HISTORY

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

COMMENTS

A complete application was received on August 13, 2020, from the Church Wellesley Neighbourhood Association, requesting to name the private walkway adjacent to Wellesley Subway Station, and shown as PART 1 on Attachment No.1 Sketch No. PS-2021-033, as "Travellers' Way" in recognition of the adjacent heritage building that once housed the Commercial Travellers' Association of Canada as well as nodding to the usage of the walkway as a connection to the TTC and surrounding green spaces.

The following background and rationale were provided by the applicant:

"Travellers' Way"

"This name reflects the importance of the heritage building at 17 Dundonald that stood on the east side of the walkway. The new development at 17 Dundonald has added etched plaques outlining the history of the original building. It also speaks to the many travellers who daily use the walkway as a connection to the TTC and our green spaces."

"The historical building at 17 Dundonald St was incorporated into the condominium building, 'Totem' in 2016. The facade of the original building still remains at the base. An additional entrance to the Wellesley subway station was added. This historical building was once home to The Commercial Travellers' Association of Canada which was incorporated in 1874 as a society to support commercial travelers who can be defined as : "a man, whether employer or employee, who travels stately as a salesman for a wholesale business to take orders from dealers or manufacturers for goods which shall be sent afterward." The association moved into the Dundonald building in 1955."

Letter of Support from "The 519" community group dated March 2, 2020:

"On behalf of The 519, a City of Toronto agency and registered charity that promotes the health, happiness, and full participation of LGBTQ2S and local communities, I am pleased to provide this letter supporting the Church Wellesley Neighbourhood Association's efforts in naming the walkway on the West side of 17 Dundonald St. As long-time community partners, we applaud CWNA's continued dedication to improving the urban fabric of our community through place making initiatives such as lane naming and other efforts. Having served the local community for over 40 years, we know how important the distinct identity and history of our neighbourhood is to neighbourhood residents, and to the City of Toronto as a whole. We fully support CWNA's efforts in naming this walkway."

Letter of Support from the Toronto Transit Commission dated August 13, 2020:

"Members of the Church-Wellesley Neighbourhood Association (CWNA) approached the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) to formally name the pedestrian walkway just east of Wellesley Station. The CWNA noted this as an opportunity to enhance and

better identify the “Green Loop” and improve connections to the three linear parks between Charles and Dundonald streets including James Canning Gardens, Norman Jewison Park and George Hislop Park. Further, the CWNA identified the formal naming as an opportunity to assist Emergency Services, which improves safety for TTC customers and pedestrians using the walkway.

The TTC has no objections with the City of Toronto formally naming the walkway in coordination with the local community, CWNA and Councillor Wong-Tam’s office. I am authorized by the TTC to support this recommendation.”

City Council has previously directed that no new applications to name or rename streets or other civic properties received after October 1, 2020, be considered while a review of the City's commemorative policies and programs is underway. Since this application was received prior to October 1, 2020, this proposal is exempt from the moratorium.

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

Councillor Kristyn Wong-Tam, Ward 13 Toronto Centre, supports this naming.

This naming proposal has the support of the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC), as owner.

This naming proposal was shared with the adjacent Condo Board at 17 Dundonald St and 22 Wellesley Street East. There were no concerns expressed/received by the applicant.

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

This private walkway is shown as PART 1 on Attachment No.1 Sketch No. PS-2021-033.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment No. 1 Sketch No. PS-2021-033

The private walkway is located east of Yonge Street, extending between Wellesley Street East and Dundonald Street.



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