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City Councillor | Ward 14 Toronto-Danforth

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Toronto and East York Community Council
100 Queen Street West
Toronto, ON M5H 2N2

Report request on naming an existing lane Sister Gwen Smith Lane

Dear Councillor Moise and Toronto and East York Community Council,

Sister Gwen was a dedicated member of the Sisters of St Joseph for over 70 years. Sister Gwen was an unflagging social justice advocate who was a founding ministry director of Fontbonne Ministries to address community needs through social services, affordable housing and Outreach.

In 2002 Fontbonne Place was opened with 18 rent-geared to income apartments for women. Known for her work among the poor and disadvantaged, Sister Gwen worked to develop Mustard Seed, the community hub at Fontbonne Place that offers food security programs and support services and drop in space. Along with Reverend Ray McCleary, Sister Gwen was an outspoken advocate for the poor in South Riverdale and devoted her life in their service.

With strong support from the local community, I support this opportunity to honour Sister Gwen Smith.

Recommendation:

Toronto and East York Community Council direct the Director, Engineering Support Services, Engineering and Construction Services and the General Manager, Economic Development and Culture to report to the July 8 and 9, 2026 meeting of the Toronto and East York Community Council with recommendations to name the existing public lane located south of Queen Street East between Empire Avenue and Booth Avenue as "Sister Gwen Smith Lane".

Sincerely,

Paula Fletcher

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