

ST LAWRENCE AREA LANE NAMING APPROVED RECOMMENDATIONS

The "St Lawrence Lane Naming Group" met on June 22 and made the following recommendations to the St Lawrence Neighbourhood Association.

The SLNA Delegates at their meeting on 30 June unanimously approved the proposed names and the SLNA will send the Report to the City through the office of Councillor Pam McConnell. It is expected that a report and resolution will come to Toronto and East York Community Council in early 2011.

Lane 1. South of Longboat Avenue (north of rail tracks).

TOM LONGBOAT LANE.

To commemorate Tom Longboat. Thomas Charles Longboat (Cogwagee) (1887-1949) was an Onondaga distance runner from the Six Nations of the Grand River First Nation Indian reserve near Brantford, Ontario, and for much of his career the dominant long distance runner of the time.

Lane 2. Berkeley to Princess - south of Front.

GASWORKS LANE

To commemorate the Consumers Gas Co. of Toronto gasworks that used to occupy several of the buildings, including that occupied by the Canadian Opera Company, that are in this area.

Lane 3. Church south of King. East side just south of the Sculpture Garden.

OAK HALL LANE

To commemorate "Oak Hall" which was the building/store on the site of the Sculpture Garden. We also suggests this name be used for the continuation of this lane on the WEST side of Church Street if this portion of it is City property.

Lane 4. Toronto to Victoria north of King

OLD POST OFFICE LANE

This lane used to be called Old Post Office Lane but this name has fallen into disuse. We suggest it be revived. The lane runs immediately south of the Seventh Toronto Post Office (10 Toronto Street.)

Lane 5. North of Adelaide just east of Yonge.

SAM CHING LANE

To commemorate the first person of Chinese origin to own a business in Toronto (a laundry) founded in 1877 at 9 Adelaide Street East. In 1878 Ching was the first Chinese person listed in the city's directory.

Lane 6. Berti to east side of Church and on west side of Church, just S of Queen.

DITTY LANE

Named to commemorate the Ditty Hotel at Church and Queen. We suggest this be used for the lane on both the east and the west sides of Church Street.

Lane 7. North of Lombard between Church and Victoria (L shaped).

ANN SHADD LANE

To commemorate Ann Shadd, the first Black newspaperwoman in North America and the publisher of Canada's first anti-slavery newspaper. (Perhaps the first woman publisher of a newspaper in Canada.) She founded *The Provincial Freeman* newspaper in 1853.

Lane 8. Adelaide to Lombard between Church and Victoria.

HELEN MACMURCHY LANE.

To commemorate Helen MacMurchy (1862-1953) who was a pioneering health worker and first editor of the *Canadian Nurse* journal in 1905. She went on to write many books on public health topics, particularly aimed at mothers with young children. She was the first woman medical intern at TGH and in 1949 she was named one of 10 most influential women physicians in the world.

Lane 9. West of Princess between King and Adelaide

DUKE LANE.

To remember Duke Street, the former name of Adelaide Street.

Lane 10. North of Britain just E of George (L shaped going to George.)

BOOTLEGGERS LANE

To commemorate the fact that this lane was used by local bootleggers whose homes on Queen Street backed onto it.

Lane 11. Lombard to Richmond just west of Jarvis

CENTRAL FIRE STATION LANE

To commemorate the old Central Fire Station that, along with Hook, Ladder and Hose Company #5, was adjacent to it.

Lane 12. Brigden Place to Richmond.

POMPADOUR LANE

To commemorate Pompadour who was a slave to Peter Russell the President of the Executive Council and Chief Administrator of York in the years between Governor Simcoe and Governor Hunter from 1796 to 1799. He lived in the Sherbourne and King area.

Lane 13. Continuation of Stonecutters Lane SOUTH of Richmond.

STONECUTTERS LANE.

We suggest that the name apply to the lane south of Richmond as well as to the existing portion north of it.

Lane 14. West of Ontario between Adelaide and Richmond.

JOHN MACDONELL LANE

This lane used to be called Ontario Place but this name has fallen into disuse and is now confusing. John Macdonell (1785-1812) was Attorney General of Upper Canada and the aide de-camp to General Isaac Brock who died at his side during the War of 1812. He is

buried beside him in Brock's Monument.

Lane 15. East of Berkeley between Queen and Richmond.

DUCHESS LANE

To remember Duchess Street, the former name of Richmond Street.

Lane 16. North of Richmond west of Parliament.

WORTS LANE.

To commemorate James Worts who died in 1834 and was a co-founder of the Gooderham and Worts Distillery. Mr Worts used to be commemorated by a Toronto street name but it was changed to Market Street.

Lane 17. South of Richmond west of Parliament (L shaped to Parliament)

WORTS LANE.

This is really a continuation of Lane 16, we recommend the same name.

Lane 18. South of Adelaide W of Berkeley.

PETER HUNTER LANE.

To commemorate Peter Hunter (1746-1805) Governor of Upper Canada and, in 1803, founder of St Lawrence Market.

Lane 19. East of Leader Lane between King and Colbourne.

RODEGA LANE

To commemorate the old Rodega Hotel that was in this area.

Lane 20. East of Leader Lane between Colbourne and Wellington.

COLBOURNE LANE.

This lane is sometimes called "Colbourne Lane" on older maps. It is suggested this name be formalised.

Lane 21. Market Street to Church Street just north of the TPA parking garage (south of The Esplanade).

CONGER COAL LANE

To commemorate the Conger Coal Company whose yard was nearby.

Lane 22. Aitken Place to Douville Ct.

Though we are not making a recommendation, we suggest that this lane should not remain nameless as it has front doors on it that are really part of Douville Court and are numbered as such. The Group suggests that the City look into extending the name Douville Court to this laneway.

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