



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Naming of Public Lane north of Queen Street East, extending between Mutual Street and Jarvis Street

Date:	November 22, 2012
To:	Toronto and East York Community Council
From:	City Surveyor
Wards:	Ward 27
Reference Number:	P:\2013\Cluster B\TEC\TE13005

SUMMARY

On October 10, 2012, Toronto and East York Community Council adopted Item TE19.59 requesting the City Surveyor to investigate and report on the suitability of naming the lane north of Queen Street East, extending between Mutual Street and Jarvis Street as "Richard Bigley Lane".

This report recommends that the proposed name "Richard Bigley Lane" not be approved as the name does not comply with the City of Toronto Honourific and Street Naming Policy.

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

RECOMMENDATIONS

Technical Services recommends that:

- (1) Toronto and East York Community Council not approve the name, "Richard Bigley Lane" to identify the public lane located north of Queen Street East, extending between Mutual Street and Jarvis Street.

Financial Impact

There are no financial implications resulting from the adoption of this report.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

At its meeting of October 10, 2012 the Toronto and East York Community Council adopted item TE19.59 which contained the following recommendation:

"1. Requested the City Surveyor to investigate and report to Toronto East York Community Council on the suitability of naming the lane north of Queen Street East, extending between Mutual Street and Jarvis Street, "Richard Bigley Lane."

This request originated with a letter from Councillor Kristyn Wong-Tam, Ward 27 Toronto Centre-Rosedale

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2012/te/bgrd/backgroundfile-50803.pdf>.

The subject lane is shown as Part 1 on Attachment No. 1 - Sketch No. PS-2012-104.

COMMENTS

The proposed name "Richard Bigley Lane" was circulated for comment to the Toronto and East York Preservation Panel, Police Services, Fire Services and Emergency Medical Services.

The Toronto and East York Preservation Panel and Fire Services had no objections to the proposed name.

Police Services and Emergency Medical Services objected to the proposed name as there are already two street names that begin with "Richard" as well as "Bingley Road".

The proposed name "Richard Bigley Lane" does not comply with Sections 5.2.1, 6.1.5 and 6.3.1.2 of the City of Toronto Honourific and Street Naming Policy which state:

5.2.1 "The City shall not grant a naming without the informed written consent of the named party (i.e. individual, group or organization) or the named party's representative (e.g. estate or next-of-kin).

No consent was provided.

6.1.5 "Only a person's last name should be used as a street name unless additional identification is necessary to prevent duplication with an existing street name in Toronto and surrounding municipalities."

The proposed name uses both first and last names.

6.3.1.2 "Similar sounding names such as Beach Avenue and Peach Avenue, or Apple Hill Road and Apple Road should be avoided."

The proposed name is similar sounding to two other street names that begin with "Richard".

Due to non-compliance with the Policy it is recommended that the name "Richard Bigley Lane" not be approved.

The City of Toronto Honourific and Street Naming Policy can be found at:
http://www.toronto.ca/mapping/street_naming/index.htm

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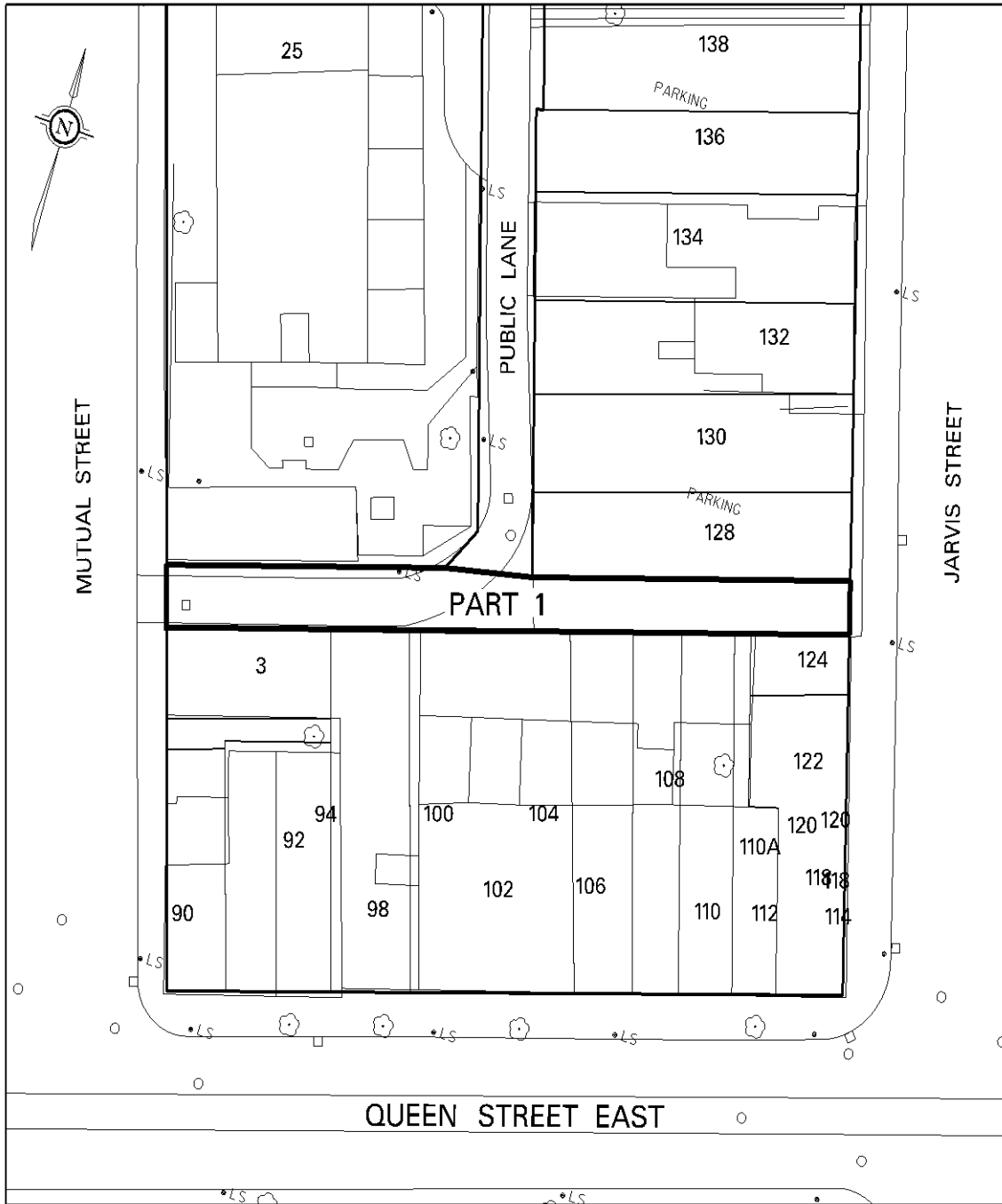
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ATTACHMENT

Attachment No. 1 - Sketch No. PS-2012-104

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 TECHNICAL SERVICES DIVISION SURVEY & UTILITY MAPPING	PROPERTY INFORMATION SHEET SKETCH SHOWING PUBLIC LANE NORTH OF QUEEN STREET EAST BETWEEN MUTUAL STREET AND JARVIS STREET	
	NOTE: THIS SKETCH HAS BEEN COMPILED FROM OFFICE RECORDS. MEASUREMENTS ARE APPROXIMATE	
	CHECK BY JOHN HOUSE	WARD 27 – TORONTO CENTRE-ROSEDALE
	PREPARED BY: DWAYNE PITT	DATE: OCTOBER 19, 2012
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