



## STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

### Naming of Public Lane located north of Queen Street East between Logan Avenue and Booth Avenue

<b>Date:</b>	May-27-13
<b>To:</b>	Toronto and East York Community Council
<b>From:</b>	Manager Land and Property Surveys
<b>Wards:</b>	Ward 30
<b>Reference Number:</b>	P:\2013\Cluster B\TEC\TE13024

#### SUMMARY

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On May 14, 2013, Toronto and East York Community Council adopted Item TE24.75 requesting the Manager, Land and Property Surveys to investigate and report to Toronto and East York Community Council on the suitability of naming the public lane located north of Queen Street East between Logan Avenue and Booth Avenue as "Faiers Lane".

Dr. Alan Faiers is a local physician who retired at the end of December 2012.

Community Councils have delegated authority to decide street naming matters which comply with the City of Toronto Honourific and Street Naming Policy. The Policy goes on to state that names of living persons should be used only in "exceptional circumstances". However, the Policy does not provide any guidance as to what constitutes exceptional circumstances, and therefore Community Councils are unable to exercise that delegated authority in the case of a living person. Therefore, if Toronto and East York Community Council should determine that this name merits approval, that approval must come from City Council.

This report recommends that the proposed name "Faiers Lane" be approved, as the name complies with the City of Toronto Honourific and Street Naming Policy, provided it is determined by City Council that this is an exceptional circumstance.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

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Engineering and Construction Services recommends that:

1. City Council approve the naming of the public lane located north of Queen Street East between Logan Avenue and Booth Avenue, as "Faiers Lane".

## **Financial Impact**

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

## **ISSUE BACKGROUND**

By a letter to the Toronto and East York Community Council dated April 3, 2013, Councillor Fletcher supported naming the public lane located north of Queen Street East between Logan Avenue and Booth Avenue after Dr Alan Faiers.

### **Letter from Councillor Fletcher:**

*"Dr. Alan Faiers has worked in Leslieville for three decades at the intersection of Queen & Logan where he has dedicated himself to the service of his patients. He is a doctor whose work, delivering babies, making home visits, and helping patients deal with the problems of addiction reflects the best traditions of Canadian Medicine. In some families he has delivered babies through several generations.*

*For these reasons, it is fitting that the public laneway so near his office be named in Dr. Faiers' honour on the occasion of his well-deserved retirement".*

At its meeting on May 14, 2013, Toronto and East York Community Council adopted Item TE24.75 which requested the City Surveyor to submit a report to the Toronto and East York Community Council on the naming of the public lane, located north of Queen Street East between Logan Avenue and Booth Avenue, as "Faiers Lane".

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2013.TE24.75>

The subject lane is shown as Part 1 on Attachment No. 1 - Sketch No. PS- 2013-012

## **COMMENTS**

Letters of support for this naming have been received from 3 local pharmacies, namely Norwestin Drugs Inc., Moss Park Pharma Choice, and Woodgreen Discount Drugs. As well, by letter dated March 1, 2013, a local resident, David Findlay, provided further information on Dr. Faiers to support this naming.

The proposed name "Faiers Lane" has been circulated for comment and is acceptable to Toronto Police Service, Toronto Fire Services, Toronto Emergency Medical Services, and the Toronto and East York Preservation Panel, and Councillor Fletcher.

Dr. Faiers has provided consent to this naming.

The proposed name "Faiers Lane" complies with the City of Toronto Honourific and Street Naming Policy. However, section 6.1.4 states:

*"Names of living persons should be used only in exceptional circumstances."*

Because of this section, City Council must determine if this naming constitutes an exceptional circumstance.

The City of Toronto Honourific and Street Naming Policy can be found at:  
[http://www.toronto.ca/mapping/street\\_naming/index.htm](http://www.toronto.ca/mapping/street_naming/index.htm)

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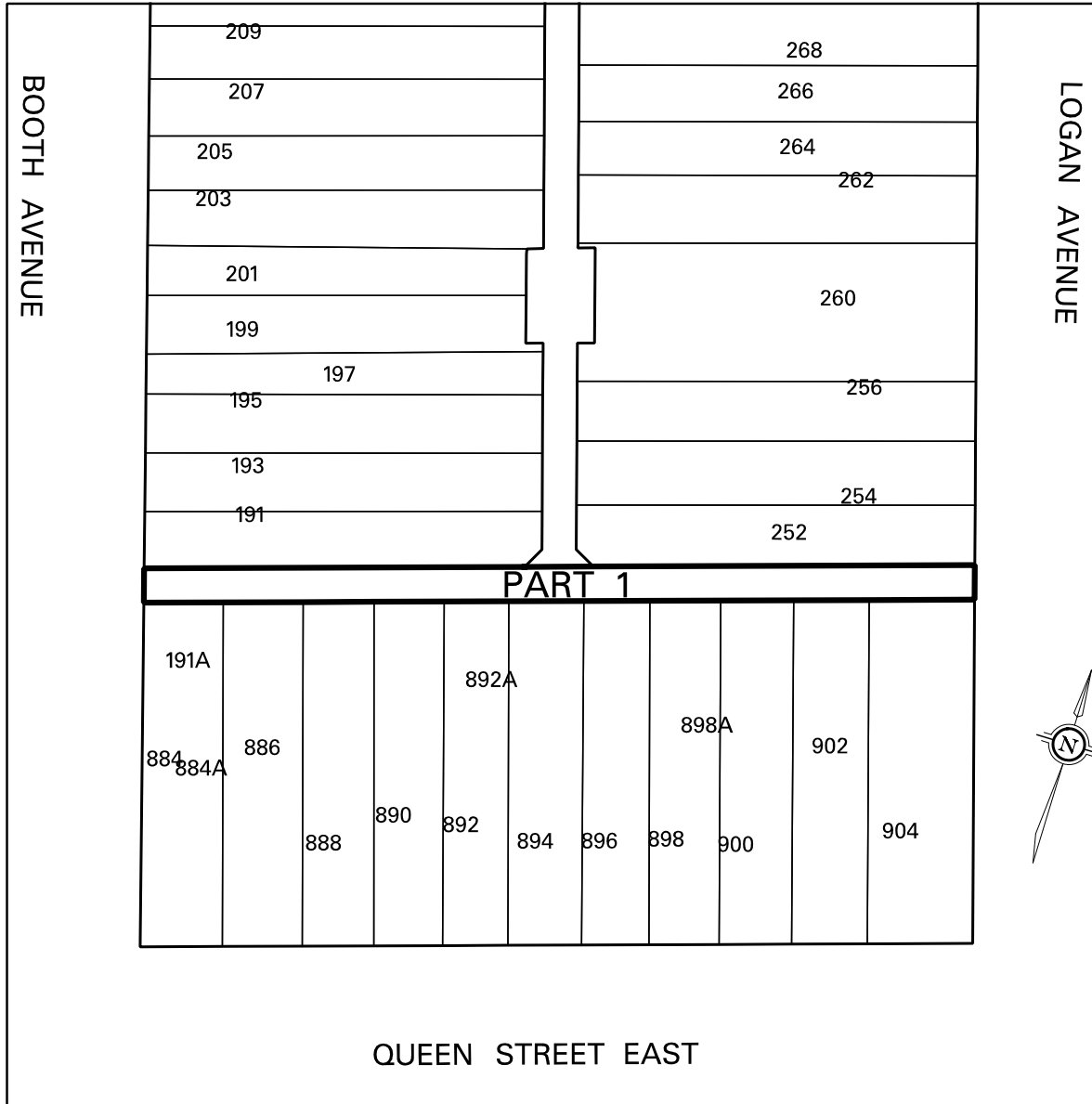
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## **ATTACHMENT**

Attachment No. 1 – Sketch No. PS-2013-012

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PROPERTY INFORMATION SHEET  
SKETCH SHOWING PUBLIC LANE  
NORTH OF QUEEN STREET EAST BETWEEN  
BOOTH AVENUE AND LOGAN AVENUE

SKETCH No. PS-2013-012