



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Naming of Public Lane located south of MacKenzie Crescent, extending easterly from Lisgar Street

Date:	March 15, 2016
To:	Toronto and East York Community Council
From:	Director, Engineering Support Services
Wards:	Ward 18
Reference Number:	P:\2016\Cluster B\TEC\ TE16012

SUMMARY

This report recommends that the name "Gilfillan Lane" be approved to identify a public lane located south of MacKenzie Crescent, extending easterly from Lisgar Street.

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

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

1. Approve the name "Gilfillan Lane" for a public lane located south of MacKenzie Crescent, extending easterly from Lisgar Street.

Financial Impact

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

ISSUE BACKGROUND

An application was received from Carroll Hyde and Mary Depoe, Executors of Gary Gilfillan's estate, to name a public lane located south of MacKenzie Crescent, extending easterly from Lisgar Street as "Gilfillan Lane". The following background information has been provided:

"Gilfillan Lane"

"Gary Gilfillan was born at 9 Mackenzie Crescent in 1933. His father, an immigrant from Ireland, was the local blacksmith, because at the time he arrived in the area it was still basically farm land! The stories he told Gary as a child made a huge impression on him, and for the rest of his life discovering the history of the area, and for that matter, the rest of Toronto, became an obsession with him. He was the one who discovered that Mackenzie Crescent was actually the lane way that the farm horses were driven down to get to the water. He also discovered that the song, "The Maple Leaf Forever" was partly written at 9 Mackenzie Crescent by Alexander Muir (1830-1906) and he spent a couple of years researching everything he could find on this, so much so that the house was finally declared a Historic Home and the plaque stating this hangs on the wall by the front door.

Gary joined the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation in 1956 as a set decorator and worked on every major show in that capacity until 1967 when he became a Studio Director, working at first on all the children's shows, Mister Dressup, Reach for the top, The friendly Giant, etc., after which he moved to Variety where he worked on such shows as Wayne and Shuster, The Juliette Show, King of Kensington and Front Page challenge. His crowning glory was travelling the world as the major production associate with Yehudi Menuhin in The Music of Man, an eight part television series which covered every aspect of music from its very beginning. It was after Gary's work on this show that CBC made him a Music Consultant which meant he selected recorded background music for every show that was produced without a live band. When he retired, Gary immediately began to work on many outside music shows for stage, radio and television. In 1987 he was the music consultant for the television documentary, "Time Is All You've Got" a film celebrating the life of Artie Shaw which was produced and directed by Brigitte Berman. The film won an Oscar and Gary was nominated for one as well for his work.

Gary was probably the most loved man on Mackenzie Crescent, being the first to help in any situation be it caring for someone's cat while they were away to looking after a house or helping with the shopping for the elderly neighbours. He was so popular that he was given the title of the "Laird of Mackenzie Crescent."

Mr. Gilfillan passed away in 2011.

The lane is shown as PART 1 on Attachment No.1 Sketch No. PS-2016-032.

COMMENTS

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

Councillor Bailao supports this naming proposal.

Consent was provided Carroll Hyde and Mary Depoe, executors of the estate of Gary Gilfillan. The named party had no surviving siblings and no other next of kin could be located.

Community support in the form of a petition from residents, whose properties abut the lane, was provided by the applicant.

This naming proposal complies with the City of Toronto Street Naming Policy.
<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2015.EX7.8>

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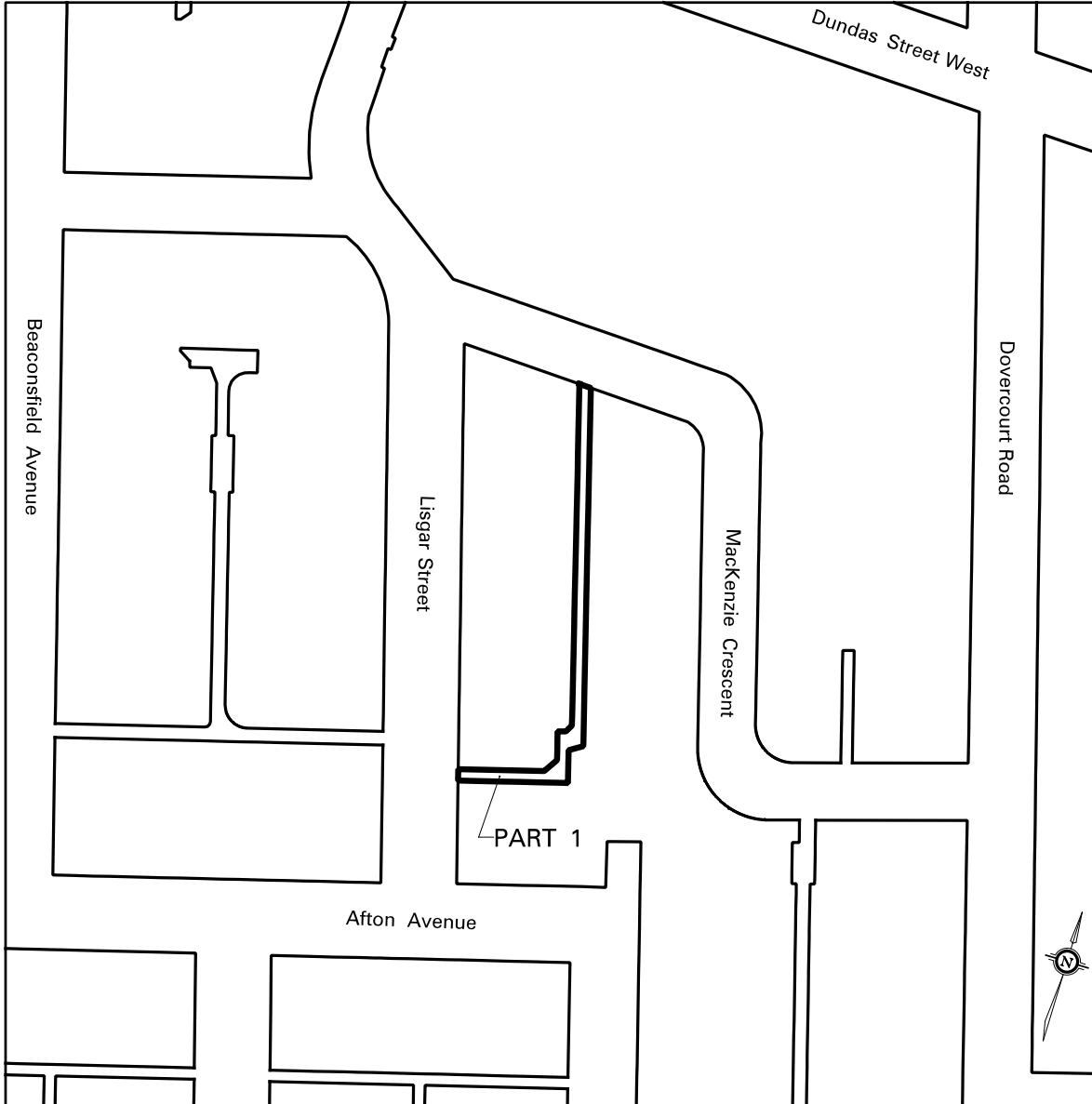
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ATTACHMENT

Attachment No. 1 Sketch No. PS-2016-032



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PROPERTY INFORMATION SHEET

NAMING OF A PUBLIC LANE LOCATED SOUTH OF
MACKENZIE CRESCENT, EXTENDING EASTERLY FROM
LISGAR STREET

WARD 18 - DAVENPORT
DATE: MARCH 09, 2016

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