

Naming of Public lane located north of St. Clair Avenue West, extending between Vaughan Road and Kenwood Avenue

Date: 01 February 2018

To: Toronto and East York Community Council

From: Director, Engineering Support Services, Engineering and Construction Services

Wards: 21 St. Paul's

SUMMARY

This report recommends that the name "Theo Aben Lane" be approved to identify a public lane located north of St. Clair Avenue West, extending between Vaughan Road and Kenwood Avenue.

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 "Theo Aben Lane" for a public lane located north of St. Clair Avenue West, extending between Vaughan Road and Kenwood Avenue.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The cost to install two street name signs is approximately \$500.00 and is included within the Transportation Services Division Operating Budget.

DECISION HISTORY

This is the first time that this issue is before Community Council.

COMMENTS

An application was made by Ann de Villiers, to name the lane located north of St. Clair Avenue W, extending between Vaughan Road and Kenwood Avenue as "Theo Aben Lane", honoring her late husband and founder of the ice cream shop, Dutch Dreams. The applicant provided the following information:

"Theo Aben was the original owner of the ice cream shop "Dutch Dreams", now run by his son and daughter in law. The original location was at 78 Vaughan Road and directly adjacent to the lane being named.

From Toronto Life

"Family-run ice cream shop and Toronto landmark Dutch Dreams, known for its decadent cones and colourful, hoarder-style décor, is closing the doors to its corner plot near Vaughan and St. Clair at the end of the month. Thankfully, local ice-cream lovers will only have to brave a month-long hiatus, because the closure isn't a permanent one. The shop-cum-tourist-destination will re-open in March at 36 Vaughan Road, just a few blocks away from its original location.

From Blog TO

"Dutch Dreams recently relocated to a new spot just south of St. Clair, down the street from its old home on Vaughan Rd. Over the past 30 years, the ice cream parlour has become locally famous for its wide selection of ice cream flavours, tricked-out waffle cones and selection of imported treats from Holland. The new location was previously a fruit market but has been renovated to look a lot like the old spot. The interior is decked out with a quirky collection of patina'd paintings, Tiffany lamps, figurines and kitschy knick-knacks. It's still recognizable as a set from the movie Half Baked which it was in its former life.

The husband-and-wife team behind the shop, Theo and Dina Aben, offer a rotating selection of over 60 ice cream flavours. Waffle cones, pressed daily, fill the shop with a sweet, seductive scent".

Theo Aben passed away in 2015.

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

Consent was provided by Ann de Villiers, spouse of the named party.

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

The lane is shown as PART 1 on Attachment No.1 Sketch No. PS-2017-105.

[Street Naming Policy](#)

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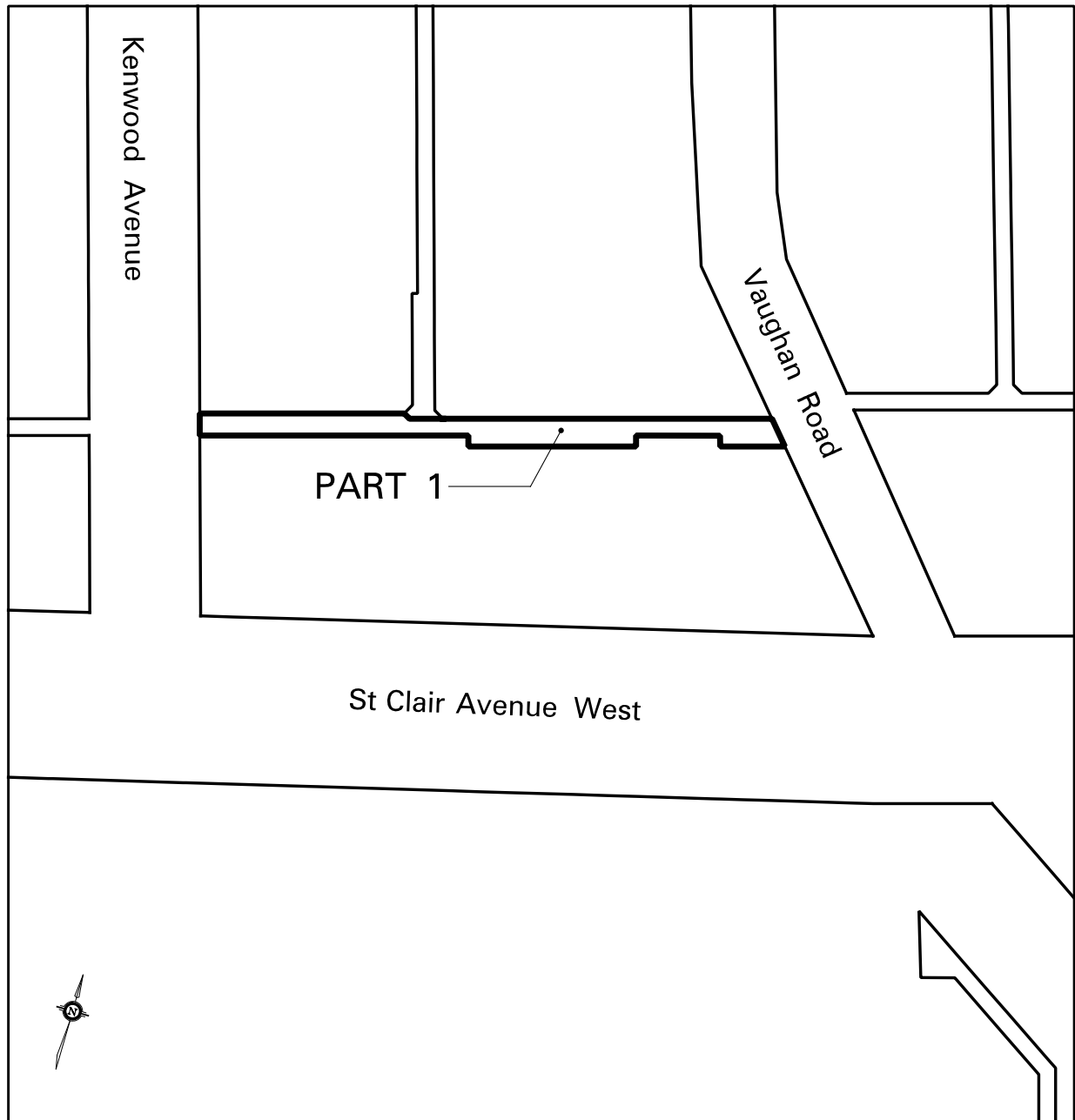
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ATTACHMENT

Attachment No. 1 Sketch No. PS-2017-105

Attachment No. 1 Sketch No. PS-2017-105, showing the location of the lane north of St. Clair Avenue W, extending easterly from Kenwood Avenue to Vaughan Road



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PROPERTY INFORMATION SHEET

NAMING OF A PUBLIC LANE LOCATED NORTH OF
ST. CLAIR AVENUE W, EXTENDING BETWEEN
VAUGHAN ROAD AND KENWOOD AVENUE

WARD 21 – ST. PAUL'S
DATE: NOVEMBER 23, 2017

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