

Naming of a Public Lane west of Main Street, extending south from Doncaster Avenue

Date: 01 February, 2018

To: Toronto and East York Community Council

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

Wards: 31 Beaches-East York

SUMMARY

This report recommends that the name "Stanley G. Grizzle Lane" be approved to identify a public lane west of Main Street, extending south from Doncaster 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 "Stanley G. Grizzle Lane" for a public lane west of Main Street, extending south from Doncaster Avenue.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The cost to install two street name signs is approximately \$500 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 received from Pancheta Barnett, President of the East York Historical Society to name the lane west of Main Street, extending south from Doncaster Avenue "Stanley G. Grizzle Lane". The applicant provided the following rationale:

"Stanley G. Grizzle was an influential black leader within the Canadian labour movement, and a dynamic force in the civil rights community. He held many prominent roles including a Canadian citizenship judge, soldier, political candidate, and activist. Stanley G. Grizzle was born on November 18, 1918 in Toronto (St. Joseph's Hospital) to Jamaican immigrant parents Adelaide nee Sinclair and Theodore Grizzle at the end of World War 1 in 1918.

Stanley G. Grizzle became a railway porter at 22 to help support his family. He founded the Railway Porter's Trade Union Council and served as an officer of the Toronto CPR Division of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters (BSCP). Mr. Grizzle was a delegate to the Toronto Labour Council, a member of the Toronto Labour Committee for Human Rights, an associate editor and columnist for Contrast, a black community newspaper and penned the book "My Name's Not George: The Story of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters in Canada".

In 1959 Mr. Grizzle and Jack White became the first African-Canadians to run in an Ontario election. In the early 1960s Mr. Grizzle worked as an Officer with the Ontario Labour Relations Board and became the first African-Canadian member of a trade union. In 1978, he was appointed a Citizenship Judge. Mr. Grizzle has also received the Order of Ontario, Order of Canada and the Order of Distinction from Jamaica for his valuable contributions to Canadian society.

Mr. Grizzle passed away peacefully on November 12, 2016 at the Toronto East General Hospital in his 98th year, leaving behind 6 children, 11 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren".

This naming was reviewed under the provisions of Section 3.8 of the Street Naming Policy which states:

"3.8 Street names, including ceremonial names, shall not:

"3.8.6 Make a direct or indirect reference to recent events or recently deceased individuals, except where the event or the individual had a legacy or significant contributions to the City of Toronto. Names of recent events or recently deceased individual may be considered after two years"

Stanley G. Grizzle died on November 12, 2016.

Based on the legacy of significant contributions to the City of Toronto made by Stanley G. Grizzle, it is determined that this naming is in compliance with the Street Naming Policy.

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

Consent was provided by Stanley E. Grizzle and Pamela Joan Grizzle, son and daughter 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-2017-099.

This naming proposal complies with the City of Toronto Street Naming Policy [Street Naming Policy](#)

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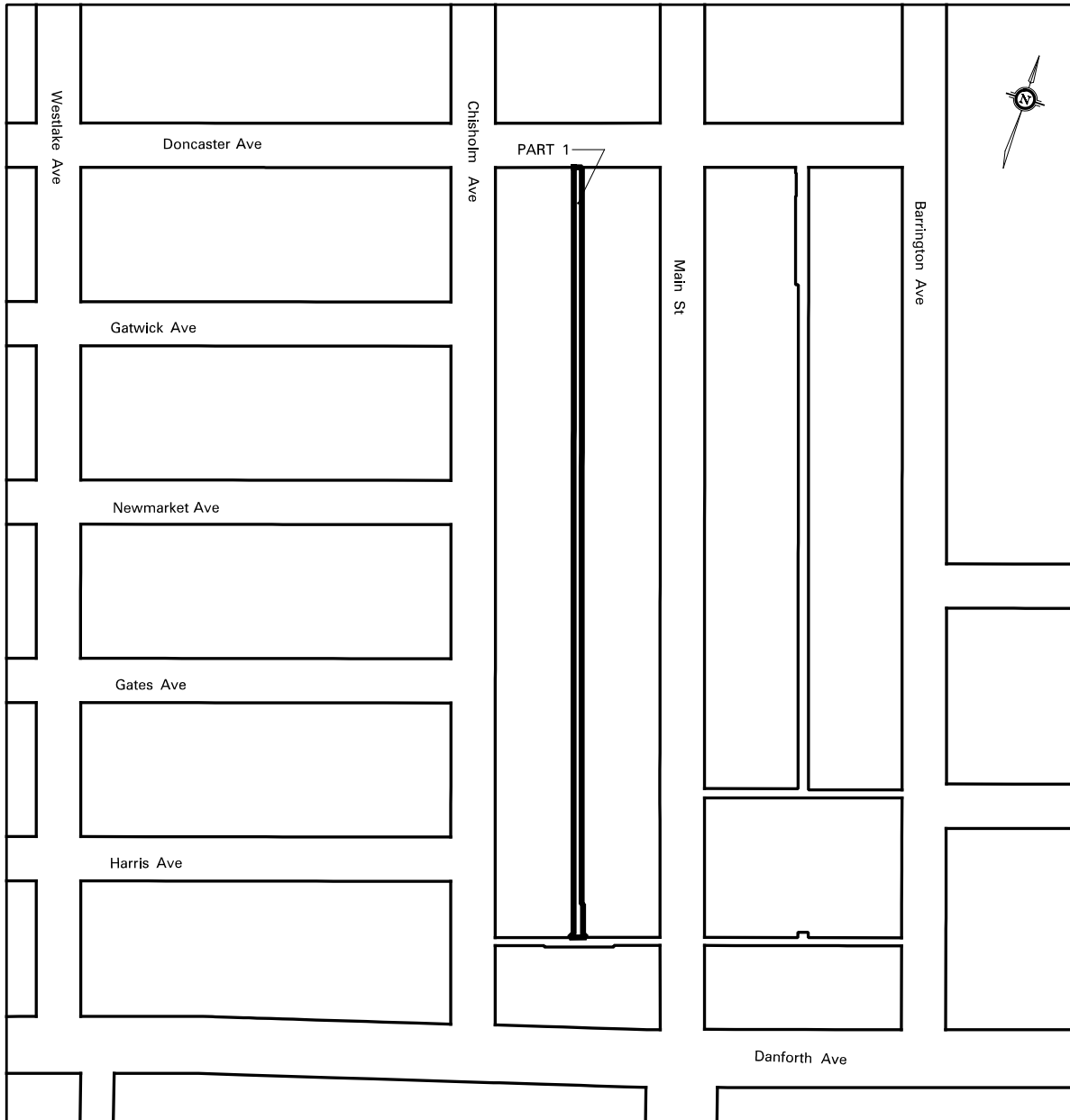
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ATTACHMENT

Attachment No. 1 Sketch No. PS-2017-099

Attachment No. 1 Sketch No. PS-2017-099, showing the location of the lane west of Main St, extending south from Doncaster Ave.



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PROPERTY INFORMATION SHEET
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