

Naming of a Public Lane located south of Carlton Street, extending westerly from Parliament Street then southerly to Doctor O Lane

Date: May 28, 2018

To: Toronto and East York Community Council

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

Wards: 28 Toronto Centre-Rosedale

SUMMARY

This report recommends that the name "Mike Reid Lane" be approved to identify a public lane south of Carlton Street, extending westerly from Parliament Street then southerly to Doctor O Lane.

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 "Mike Reid Lane" for a public lane south of Carlton Street, extending westerly from Parliament Street then southerly to Doctor O Lane.

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 on January 9, 2018 from Janice Reid Johnston, sister of the named party, to name the lane south of Carlton Street, extending westerly from Parliament Street then southerly to Doctor O Lane, "Mike Reid Lane" in honour of her late brother.

The following rationale and background was provided by the applicant:

"Mike Reid"

My Brother Mike Reid was an institution in the Cabbagetown Neighbourhood for over 30 years. He lived at a few different addresses within the community, settling in on Carlton just west of Parliament approximately 25 years ago. He loved the neighbourhood so much and was so well known throughout the area.

He was a constant customer of the many shops and restaurants in the neighbourhood, including the, "House on Parliament", where he spent time with his huge assortment of friends. A number of us still gather there regularly to toast and talk about Mike. He was involved with the annual Cabbagetown Festival, visiting vendors and yard sales, and usually hosting a large gathering on the Tiki Deck of his apartment. For a number of years, he DJ'd at the Winchester Hotel, hosting a monthly 70's night that was enjoyed by so many.

Mike was so well known and so loved that he was given the title "Unofficial Mayor of Cabbagetown" by his many friends and acquaintances.

Tragically, Mike passed away from Cancer in June 2017 at the age of 57. He is so very missed, there is an emptiness in the community with his absence. He knew everyone, and he understood people like no one else. He was also very selfless. He helped out many people in need, even giving away a television set to a family new to the community, and a CAR to another needy neighbour.

Our family is still very much part of the Cabbagetown community, our nephew now lives in the apartment Mike lived in and is discovering for himself the unique and special vibes of the area his Uncle so loved.

We expected up to 100 people at his funeral service. We actually ended up having almost 300 people to celebrate him and it was standing room only. In speaking of Mike that day, his friends captured the essence of Mike, a man you could depend and count on, fearless in his championing and protecting of others, equally free with his opinions and love.

Please trust me when I say you would be making so many Cabbagetown residents very happy with this endeavour. It would remind us all every day just what the community is all about and it would be a lovely, fitting tribute to a good man who loved the community.

Mike Reid passed away in June of 2017.

Consent was provided by Janice Reid Johnston, sister of the named party.

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"

Based on the legacy of significant contributions made by Mike Reid, 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 Troisi.

Community support was demonstrated with a petition of signatures from property owners/ residents who directly abut the lane.

The lane is shown as PART 1 on Attachment No.1 Sketch No. PS-2018-049.

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

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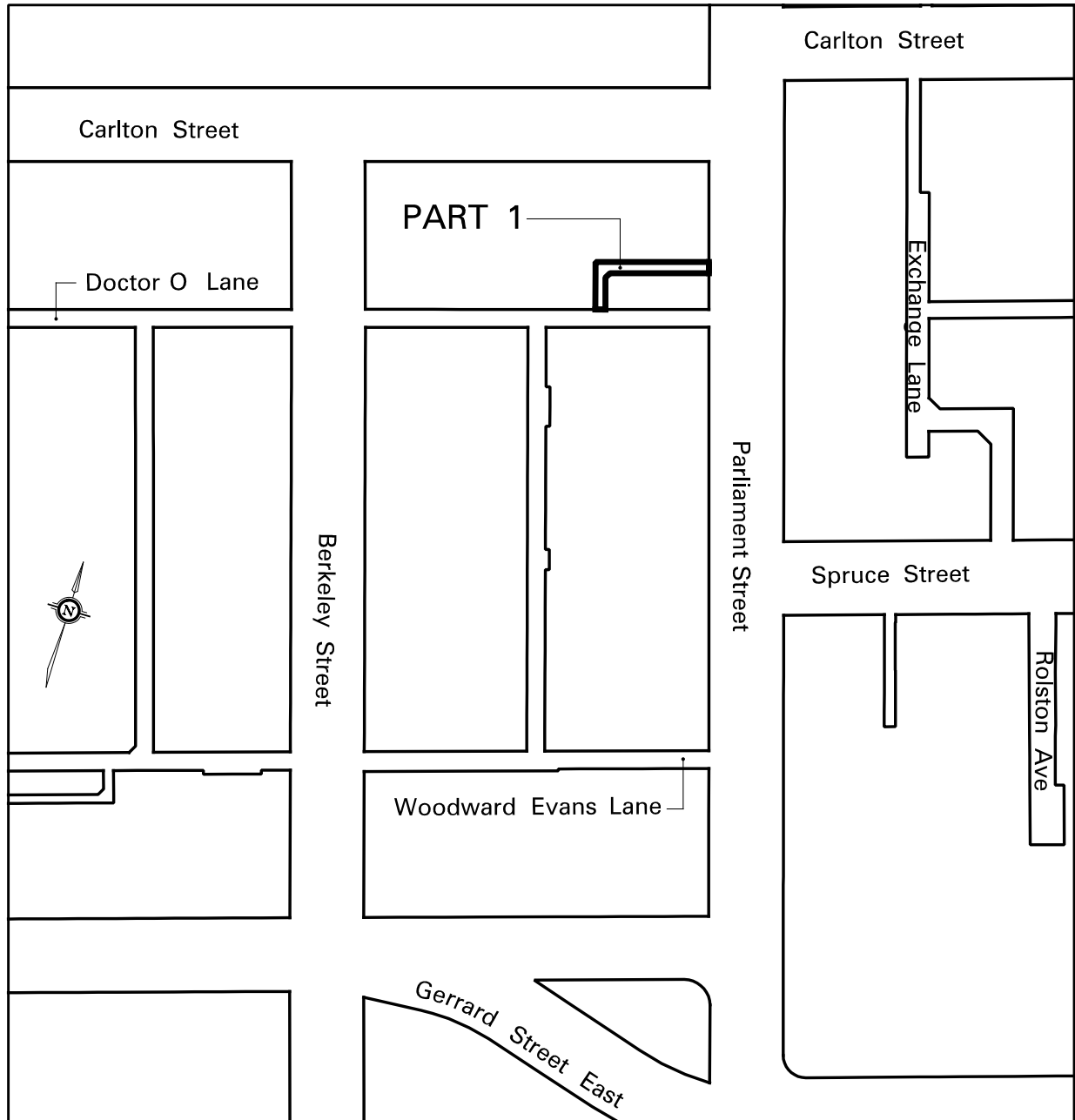
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ATTACHMENT

Attachment No. 1 Sketch No. PS-2018-049

Attachment No. 1 Sketch No. PS-2018-049, showing the location of the lane south of Carlton Street, extending westerly from Parliament Street then southerly to Doctor O Lane.



NOTE:
THIS SKETCH HAS BEEN
COMPILED FROM OFFICE
RECORDS. MEASUREMENTS
ARE APPROXIMATE

CHECK BY JOHN HOUSE
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PROPERTY INFORMATION SHEET

SKETCH SHOWING THE PUBLIC LANE LOCATED
SOUTH OF CARLTON STREET, EXTENDING WESTERLY
FROM PARLIAMENT STREET THEN SOUTHERLY TO
DOCTOR O LANE

WARD 28 - TORONTO CENTRE-ROSEDALE
DATE: APRIL 30, 2018

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