

Naming of a Proposed Private Street at 77-79 East Don Roadway and 661-677 Queen Street East

Date: January 11, 2019

To: Toronto and East York Community Council

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

Wards: 14 Toronto-Danforth

SUMMARY

This report recommends that the name "Baseball Place" be approved to identify a proposed private street at 77-79 East Don Roadway and 661-677 Queen Street East.

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 "Baseball Place" for the proposed private street at 77-79 East Don Roadway and 661-677 Queen Street East.
2. Request the applicant to pay the costs, estimated to be \$500.00, for the fabrication and installation of the street name signage; and
3. Request the owner and successors of the subject lands to maintain, at their own risk, the street name signage installed under Recommendation 2 of the report.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There are no financial implications to the City resulting from the adoption of this report. The estimated cost of \$500.00 for the street name signage is to be paid by the applicant.

DECISION HISTORY

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

COMMENTS

On July 10, 2018 an application was received from Streetcar Developments to name the proposed private street located at 77-79 East Don Roadway and 661-677 Queen Street East, "Baseball Place" in recognition of the fact that the subject site was home to the Toronto Baseball Grounds.

The following rationale was provided by the applicant:

"Baseball Place originally existed in generally the same location at the proposed private lane until approximately 1913. Baseball Place along with Queen Street East provided access to Toronto's first baseball stadium – initially the Toronto Baseball Grounds which later became known as Sunlight Park. The stadium opened on May 22, 1886 and remained in operation until 1913."

Letter from the Riverside BIA dated August 1, 2018:

"The Riverside BIA is submitting this letter in support the Streetcar Developments application for the laneway naming within Riverside Square (Application Nos: 16 106006 STE 30 SA, 14176221 STE 30 OZ).

We are supportive of the name Baseball Place for the following reasons:

- The name reflects what was previously at this site in past, i.e. the Toronto Baseball Grounds, and helps bring awareness to some of the important sports heritage of Riverside and Toronto;*
- There was previously a street sign with 'Baseball Place' in roughly that spot for many years that no longer exists and has been lost; hence resurrecting the name will bring back that piece of the area;*
- There is currently a Toronto Baseball Grounds Plaque put in place by Heritage Toronto in 2016 at 655 Queen Street East and the laneway naming would complement this;*
- The Riverside BIA conducts annual walking tours and also has a prominent mural at 1 Munro Street, across the street from the laneway, highlighting stories of the Riverside area's heritage, including the Toronto Baseball Grounds; and this laneway would further build upon the heritage story of the Toronto Baseball Grounds that the Riverside BIA is helping to share".*

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

The lane is shown as PART 1 on Attachment No.1 Sketch No. PS-2018-121.

This naming proposal complies with the City of Toronto Street Naming Policy.

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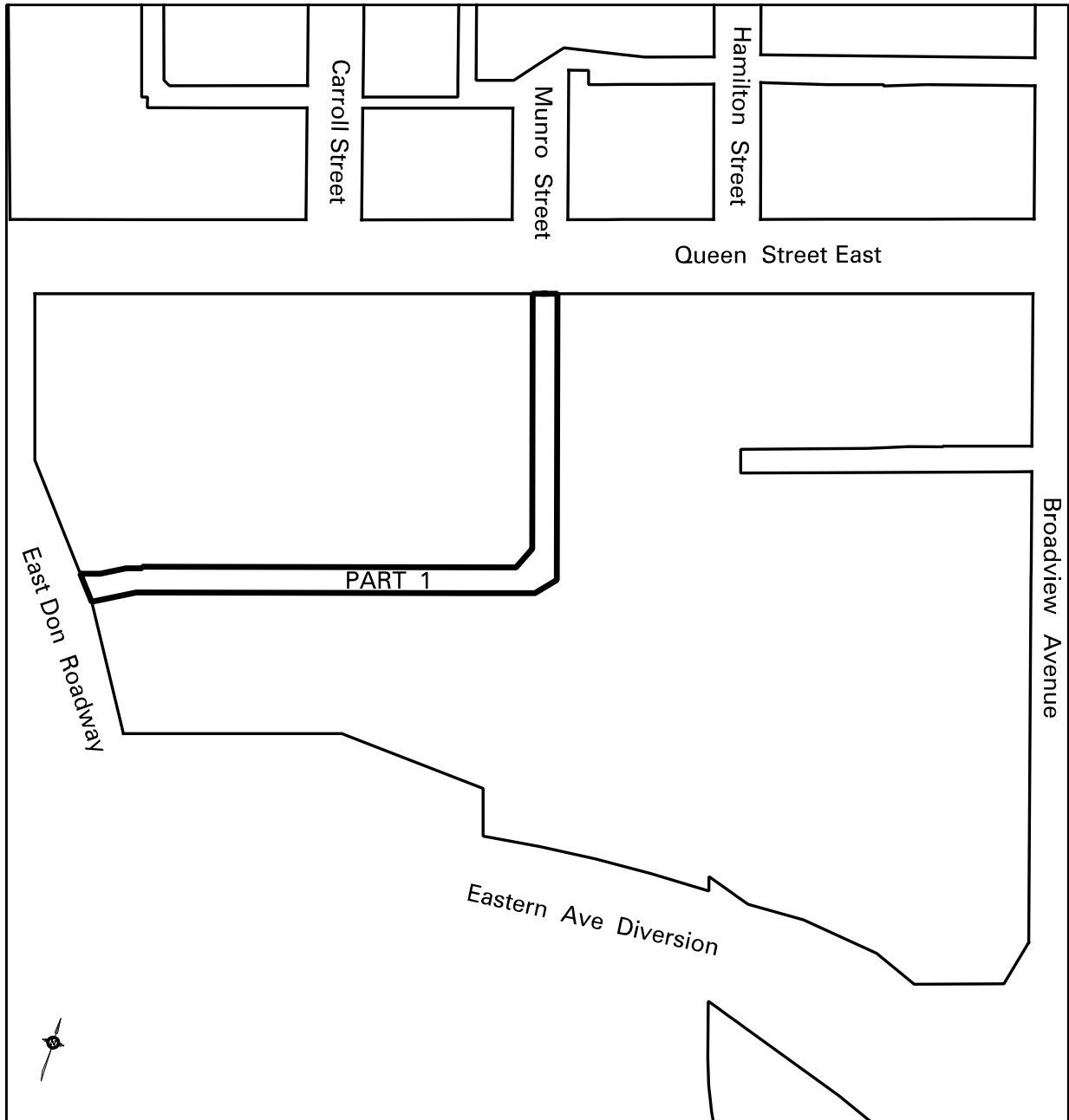
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ATTACHMENT

Attachment No. 1 Sketch No. PS-2018-121

Attachment No. 1 Sketch No. PS-2018-121, showing the location of the proposed private street at 77-79 East Don Roadway and 661-677 Queen Street East. The street is located south of Queen Street East, extending easterly from East Don Roadway.



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WARD 14 - TORONTO-DANFORTH
DATE: DECEMBER 13, 2018

PROPERTY INFORMATION SHEET
NAMING OF PROPOSED PRIVATE LANE AT
NOS. 77-79 EAST DON ROADWAY &
NOS. 661-677 QUEEN STREET EAST

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