

Naming of an existing Public Lane south of Danforth Avenue, extending east from Luttrell Avenue.

Date: February 27, 2019

To: Toronto and East York Community Council

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

Wards: 19 Beaches-East York

SUMMARY

This report recommends that the name "Albert Kahn Lane" be approved to identify an existing public lane south of Danforth Avenue extending east from Luttrell Avenue.

Community Council have delegated authority to decide lane naming matters which comply with The City of Toronto Street Naming Policy.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

1. Approve the name "Albert Kahn Lane" for the existing public lane south of Danforth Avenue extending east from Luttrell Avenue.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The cost to install 2 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 June 11th, 2018 from a resident to name the lane located south of Danforth Avenue, extending east from Luttrell Avenue, "Albert Kahn Lane".

"Albert Kahn, who is considered to be the foremost industrial architect of the early 20th century, designed the Ford Company of Canada factory building that now hosts the Shoppers World mall to the immediate east of Luttrell Avenue.

The plant was commissioned in the early 1920's to produce the company's "Model A" vehicles for the Canadian market. It was idled in 1931 by a change in the model styles and expansion of the company's Walkerville (Windsor) assembly plant, but was brought back into operation for military production during the Second World War. In 1950, it received another lease on life when Nash Motors of Canada purchased the facility for production of its Statesman, Nash Rambler and other Nash-Hudson lines for the Canadian market. In the early 1960's, the company (now operating as American Motors) moved its new Brampton complex, and possession of the Kahn building passed to Elder Mines & Development (later Peel-Elder). The development company converted the former car assembly plant into Shoppers World Danforth, an early example of the climate-controlled suburban shopping mall that would become a feature in cities across Canada.

Kahn is often called the father of modern factory design, and he was certainly one of the most prolific, innovative and influential architects of the last century. In addition to his extensive work with American car manufacturers, he created many iconic institutional and residential buildings that still dot the urban landscape of Detroit and the former town of Walkerville, Hiram Walker's turn-of-the-century model community.

The Shoppers World building, one of more than a thousand Ford projects undertaken by Kahn and his firm (which is still in existence) exhibits some of his signature design features, such as a multi-peaked "saw-tooth" roof that housed large windows and air vents for worker comfort and productivity; an unobstructed floor plan for flexibility; and an airy layout that allowed all production to take place under one roof and on one floor.

The laneway that runs to the east of Luttrell is closely tied to this historic building, being separated from the property only by grade and curbing. Earlier Luttrell residents would have watched the factory's construction, and the later roll-out of shiny new cars, from their back porches.

The selection of Albert Kahn's name might be a fitting reminder of the neighbourhood's industrial heritage and its strong presence in the city's transportation history."

Consent was given by Ruth B. Carrigan, the great-granddaughter of the named party.

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

Community support was demonstrated with a petition of signatures from property owners/ residents who directly abut the lane as well as letters of support from local community members and organizations. A petition of general community support was also submitted by the applicant.

The public lane is shown as PART 1 on Attachment No.1 Sketch No. PS-2019-017.

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

[Street Naming Policy](#)

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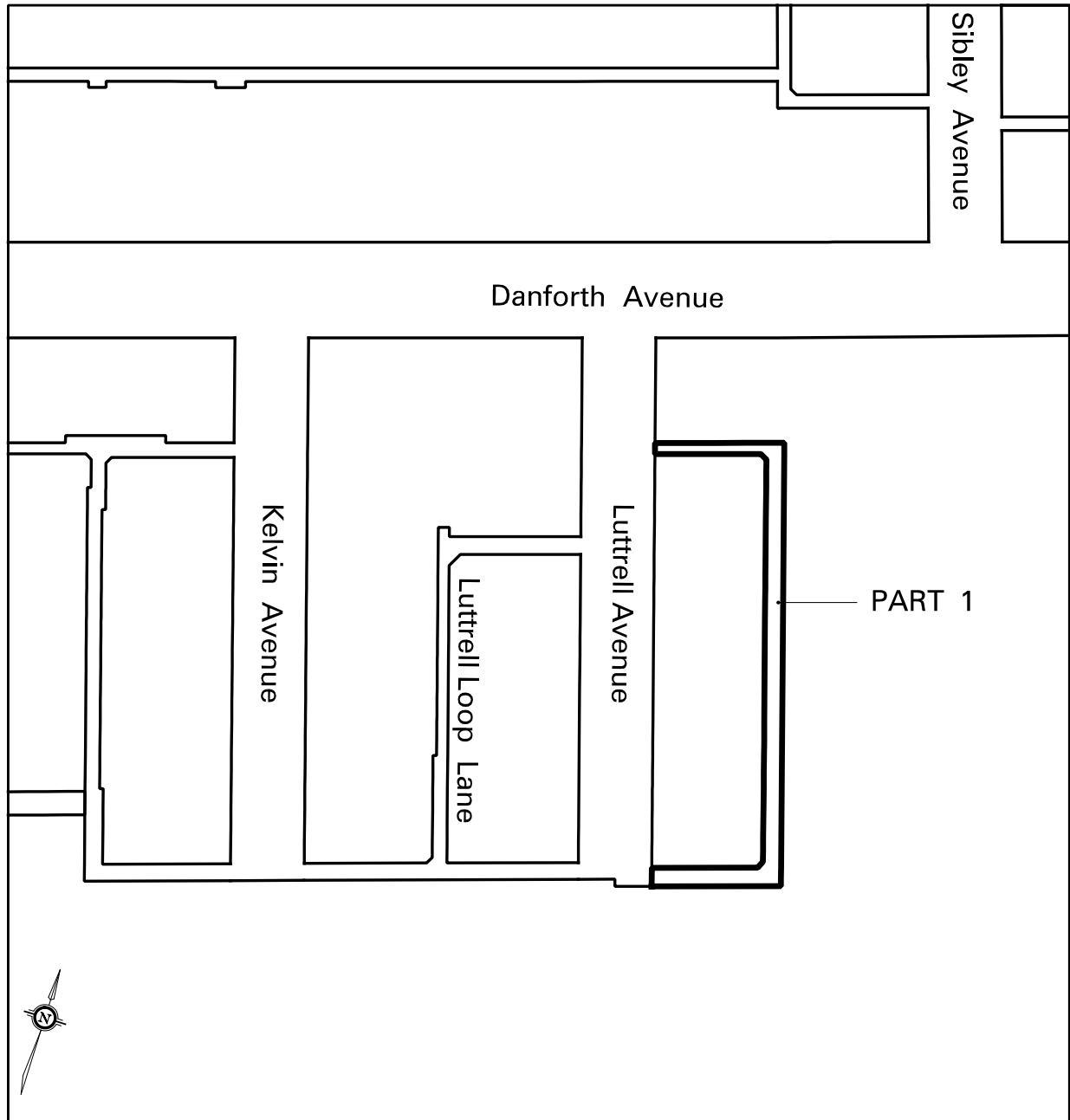
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ATTACHMENT

Attachment No. 1 Sketch No. PS-2019-017

Attachment No. 1 Sketch No. PS-2019-017, showing the location of an existing public lane south of Danforth Avenue extending east from Luttrell Avenue.



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