

## **Naming of an existing Public Lane Located East of Gladstone Avenue, Extending Between Argyle Street and Cross Street.**

**Date:** February 27, 2019

**To:** Toronto and East York Community Council

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

**Wards:** 9 Davenport

### **SUMMARY**

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This report recommends that the name "Antonio Lopes Lane" be approved to identify an existing public lane located east of Gladstone Avenue, extending between Argyle Street and Cross Street.

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

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

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

1. Approve the name "Antonio Lopes Lane" for an existing public lane located east of Gladstone Avenue extending between Argyle Street and Cross Street.

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

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The cost to install 2 street name signs is approximately \$500 and is included within the Transportation Services Division Operating Budget.

### **DECISION HISTORY**

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

## COMMENTS

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An application was received on July 6th, 2018 from a resident to name the existing lane located east of Gladstone Avenue, extending between Argyle Street and Cross Street, "Antonio Lopes Lane".

*"Antonio Lopes immigrated from Portugal in 1966 with his wife, Maria and his 4 year old daughter. He was fluent in French and spoke some English. His initial plan was to settle in Montreal, but decided to settle in Toronto instead. Antonio and his family lived with some friends on Gladstone Avenue for a few months. He took a liking to the neighbourhood and purchased his first, and only home, on Gladstone shortly after his arrival.*

*After the sudden death of his father in Portugal in the 1970's, Antonio sponsored the immigration of his three younger sisters to Canada. He felt a deep sense of responsibility to keep his family together. His efforts are still evident today. All the sisters bought homes in the neighbourhood and still live within walking distance of each other.*

*Antonio was an active community member. He was passionately involved with improving learning conditions for the children of new immigrants. Antonio was the chair of the Parent/Teacher Association at Alexander Muir/Gladstone for many years in the 1980's. He also sat on the Ward Parent Council where he worked tirelessly to develop International Language programs at the former Toronto Board of Education. He believed that when children were fluent in their native language and could communicate clearly with their family at home, they performed better academically. Decades later, children at Alexander Mir/Gladstone and many other schools continue to benefit from these programs.*

*Antonio always found time to be part of the growing Portuguese community. He was one of the early members of the First Portuguese Canadian Club. He was also a founding member of Associacao Cultural do Minho of Toronto, a regional Portuguese club from the north of Portugal, where he was from. Antonio was a proud Torontonian and Canadian. However, he never forgot where he came from and believed it was important for his daughters to learn about the Portuguese culture and learn the language.*

*Antonio was a friendly and giving neighbour. His garage door was always open. He could be regularly found lending a tool to a neighbour or lending a helping hand. In the summer, he took pleasure in cultivating his small urban garden where he grew tomatoes, lettuce, green beans, cucumbers and collards. He would often share these with neighbours.*

*101 Gladstone Avenue was the only address Antonio called home in Canada, he lived there until his passing in 2010. As the face of Little Portugal changes, it would be a tribute to its history to name this lane after one of its original settlers."*

Consent was given by Cindy Lopes, the daughter 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 Bailao.

Community support was demonstrated with a petition of signatures from property owners/ residents who directly about 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 proposed public street is shown as PART 1 on Attachment No.1 Sketch No. PS-2019-016.

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

[Street Naming Policy](#)

## **CONTACT**

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## **SIGNATURE**

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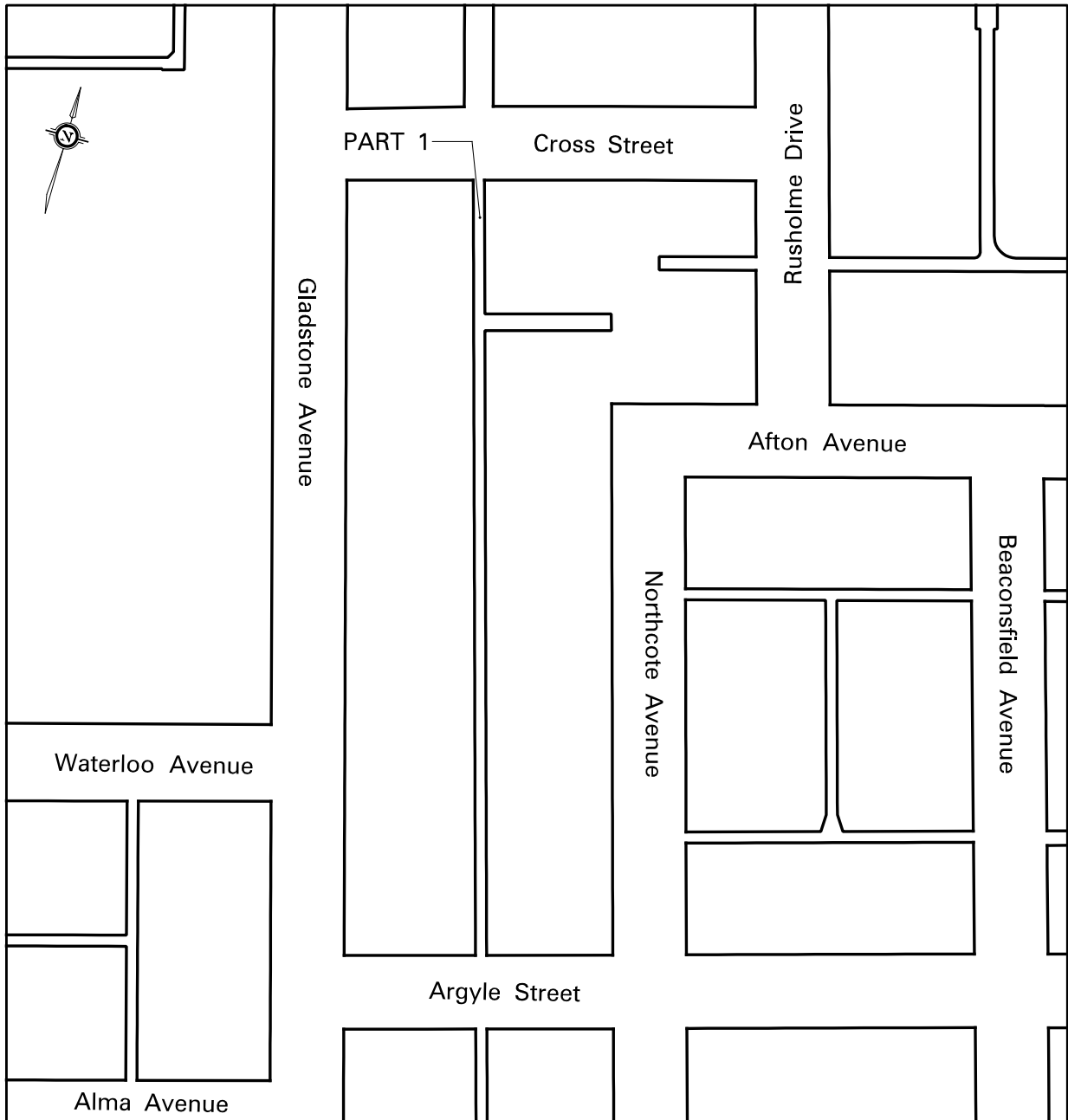
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## **ATTACHMENT**

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Attachment No. 1 Sketch No. PS-2019-016

Attachment No. 1 Sketch No. PS-2019-016, showing the location of an existing public lane east of Gladstone Avenue, extending between Argyle Street and Cross Street.



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**NAMING OF AN EXISTING PUBLIC LANE LOCATED**  
**EAST OF GLADSTONE AVENUE, EXTENDING BETWEEN**  
**ARGYLE STREET AND CROSS STREET**

WARD 9 – DAVENPORT  
DATE: FEBRUARY 06, 2019

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