# **TORONTO**

# REPORT FOR ACTION

# Naming of an Existing Public Lane South of College Street, Extending Between Manning Avenue and Euclid Avenue

Date: February 27, 2019

To: Toronto and East York Community Council

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

Wards: 11 University-Rosedale

#### **SUMMARY**

This report recommends that the name "Paese Lane" be approved to identify an existing public lane located south of College Street, extending between Manning Avenue and Euclid 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 "Paese Lane" for an existing public lane located south of College Street, extending between Manning Avenue and Euclid 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 on July 20, 2017 from a resident to name the existing lane located south of College Street, extending between Manning Avenue and Euclid Avenue, "Paese Lane", honouring the aura of the people who helped make Little Italy the diversified neighbourhood it is today.

#### "Paese Lane"

"Paese", meaning village or small town in Italian is the name I would like to propose to name the lane way south of College Street between Manning Ave & Euclid Ave in the City of Toronto where I have resided since 1956.

Immigrating from Italy in 1964 at the young age of 14 with my father who also has a home at 249 Bellwoods Ave, we made College Street neighbourhood feel like our little Paese Town in Italy. Not knowing or speaking the English language we immigrants bonded together to create a home town Paese feeling. The lane ways provided opportunities to meet, connect and integrate with other neighbourhood families. The laneways for me were also a means of travelling to work daily for over 30 years.

Our lives of living in the big City of Toronto changed dramatically when we left behind our families in our Paese of Italy. However bonding with our neighbours took away the pain of loneliness and created a happier place to live in while making a better life for our families.

The name Paese would truly depict the Aura of the People who helped make Little Italy the diversified neighbourhood it is today."

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

This lane abuts 6 properties, most of which are tenanted. The applicant was able to secure support signatures from 2 residents of the 6 properties via a petition. A letter of support from The Little Italy BIA was also provided.

The lane is shown as PART 1 on Attachment No.1 Sketch No. PS-2017-096.

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

**Street Naming Policy** 

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## **SIGNATURE**

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### **ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment No. 1 Sketch No. PS-2017-096

Attachment No. 1 Sketch No. PS-2017-096, showing the location of an existing lane south of College Street, extending between Manning Avenue and Euclid Avenue.

