# **TORONTO**

# REPORT FOR ACTION

# Naming of an existing Public Lane north of Kingston Road, extending easterly from Lawlor Avenue

**Date:** October 18, 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 "George Duncan Lane" be approved to identify an existing public lane north of Kingston Road, extending easterly from Lawlor 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 "George Duncan Lane" for an existing public lane north of Kingston Road, extending easterly from Lawlor Avenue.

#### FINANCIAL IMPACT

The cost to install street name signage is approximately \$250 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 5, 2019, from a resident requesting to name the existing public lane north of Kingston Road, extending easterly from Lawlor Avenue as, "George Duncan Lane" in honour of his late father who was a local activist and community volunteer.

The following background and documentation was provided by the applicant:

### "George Duncan Lane"

"George Duncan moved to Toronto in 1956. He moved into 73 Lawlor Avenue in 1957 as a tenant of Mr. George Skipper. Later on, Mr. Skipper provided in his will that the property at 73 Lawlor Avenue be offered for sale to the existing tenants upon his death. Mr. Skipper's Will was not probated for another 2 years. Mr. Duncan not only organized and gathered the existing tenants to make an offer of purchase to Mr. Skipper's estate, he was also successful in having the purchase adjusted to reflect the value of the property at the time of Mr. Skipper's death and not at the date of Probate. This was the beginning of Mr. Duncan's volunteer and community work.

Mr. Duncan went on to volunteer as a Cub and Scout Camp Leader at the Adam Beck School offering his services as Kitchen Patrol. The named party also held the volunteer position of Treasurer at the Kingston Road United Church, where he also volunteered his time in the Church Bowling League as a pin-setter."

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

Consent was provided by the son of the named party. The named party passed away on Jan. 26th 1988.

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

This naming proposal complies with the City of Toronto Street Naming Policy which can be found at <a href="https://www.toronto.ca/city-government/planning-development/street-naming/">https://www.toronto.ca/city-government/planning-development/street-naming/</a>

The lane is shown as PART 1 on Attachment No.1 Sketch No. PS-2019-116.

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#### **SIGNATURE**

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# **ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment No. 1 Sketch No. PS-2019-116

Attachment No. 1 Sketch No. PS-2019-116, showing the location of an existing public lane located north of Kingston Road, extending easterly from Lawlor Avenue.

