

Naming of an existing Public Lane in the block bounded by Hallam Street, Ossington Avenue, Northumberland Street and Concord Avenue

Date: January 11, 2021

To: Toronto and East York Community Council

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

Wards: 9 Davenport

SUMMARY

This report recommends that the name "Via Pasquino Lane" be approved to identify an existing public lane in the block bounded by Hallam Street, Ossington Avenue, Northumberland Street and Concord Avenue.

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

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

Approve the name "Via Pasquino Lane" for an existing public lane in the block bounded by Hallam Street, Ossington Avenue, Northumberland Street and Concord Avenue.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

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

DECISION HISTORY

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

COMMENTS

An application was received on July 24, 2020, from a resident requesting to name the existing public lane in the block bounded by Hallam Street, Ossington Avenue, Northumberland Street and Concord Avenue as, "Via Pasquino Lane" honouring a local community figure.

The following background and rationale was provided by the applicant:

"Via Pasquino

"Here are a few things my dad, Mr. Vincenzo Pasquino contributed to his community.

- *Mr. Vincenzo Pasquino was an outstanding landlord for over almost 60 years by not raising rent so tenants were able to save a purchase their own homes in our community.*
- *Mr. Pasquino was always eager to help improve the wellbeing of our community.*
- *Volunteered at St. Anthony's church by passing the donation basket & supported events at the church.*
- *Participated & volunteered at the Good Friday procession every year.*
- *Attended & supported all community events (took pride in his community) & supported charitable organizations by volunteering & donating time and money, such as Sick Kids Hospital & Alzheimer's Society to name a few.*
- *Sponsored relatives to come to Canada, and helped any way he could to settle into their new environment.*
- *Our uncle & grandmother lived with us for decades & when his children got married he allowed us to live at one of his properties until we were able to purchase our own homes in his community.*
- *Welcomed new neighbours & immigrants by helping them discover the wonderful things in the community, For example, where to shop, eat & play.*
- *Encouraged our community to vote, he was always up to date with happenings in our community.*
- *Supported local businesses, (meat market, barber shops, grocery stores) as my dad didn't drive, we always shopped locally.*
- *Shoveled snow for our elderly neighbors, my mother would always prepare home cooked meals & deliver them to our neighbours.*
- *Encouraged his children, tenants & neighbours to be involved in the community.*
- *Overall, my parents believed in equal opportunity for everyone and he raised & taught his children and grandchildren these values".*

This naming was reviewed under the provisions of Section 3.8 of the Street Naming Policy which states:

"3.8 Street names, including ceremonial names, shall not:

"3.8.6 Make a direct or indirect reference to recent events or recently deceased individuals, except where the event or the individual had a legacy or significant contributions to the City of Toronto. Names of recent events or recently deceased individual may be considered after two years"

Vincenzo Pasquino passed away on June 4th, 2019.

Based on the named party's contributions to the local community, it is determined that this naming is in compliance with the Street Naming Policy.

Councillor Ana Bailao, Ward 9 Davenport, supports this naming.

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

Consent was provided by the daughter of the named party.

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

Community Councils have delegated authority to decide street naming matters which comply with the City of Toronto Street Naming Policy.

The lane is shown as PART 1 on Attachment No.1 Sketch No. PS 2021-005.

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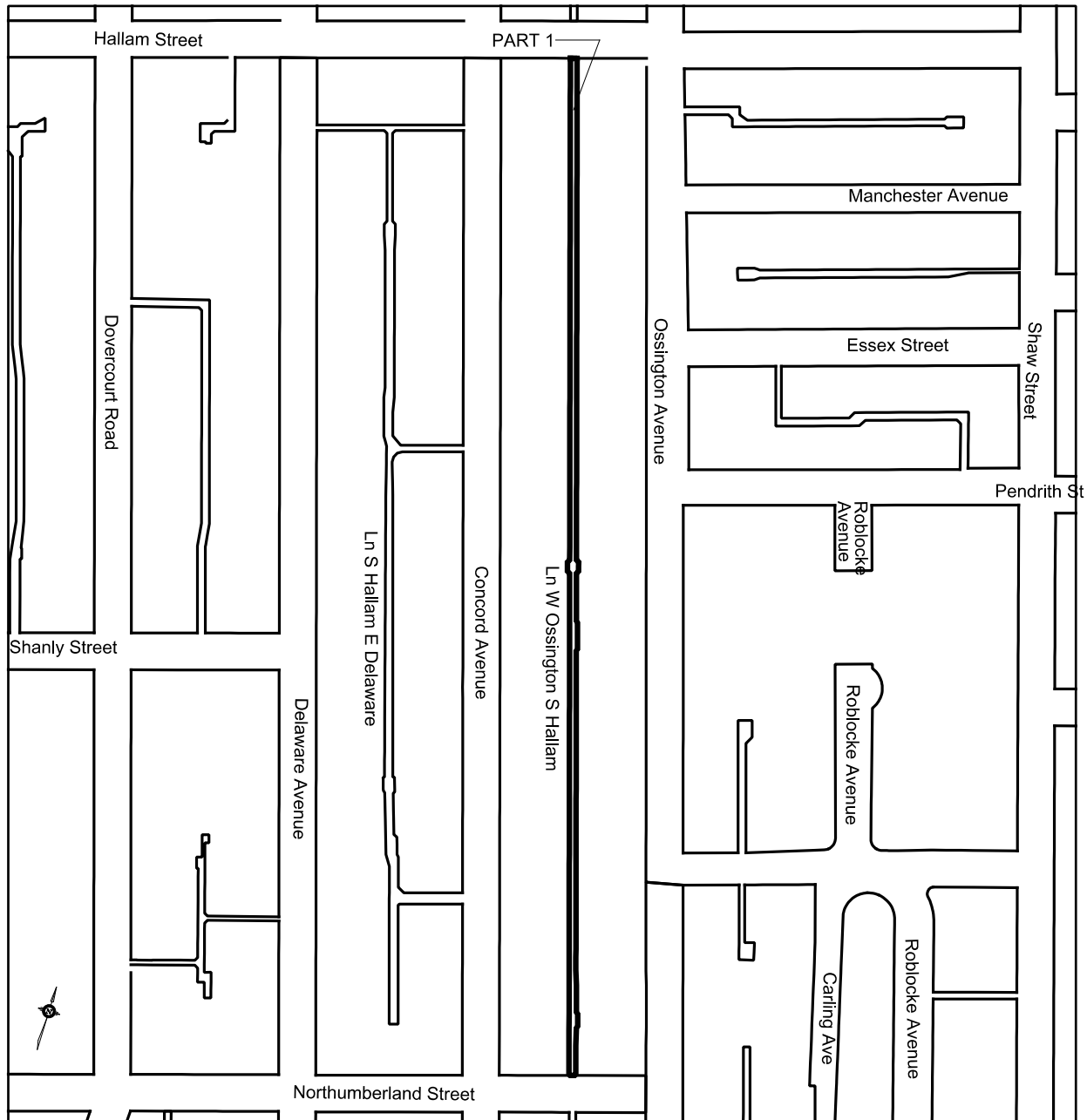
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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment No. 1 Sketch No. PS 2021-005

Attachment No. 1 Sketch No. PS-2021-005 showing the location of an existing public lane located west of Ossington Avenue extending between Northumberland Street and Hallam Street.



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WARD 9 - DAVENPORT
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PROPERTY INFORMATION SHEET

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