

Naming of an existing Public Lane located in the block bounded by Yarmouth Road, Clinton Street, Follis Avenue and Christie Street

Date: January 11, 2021

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 "Silver Barn Lane" be approved to identify an existing public lane located in the block bounded by Yarmouth Road, Clinton Street, Follis Avenue and Christie Street.

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 "Silver Barn Lane" for an existing public lane located in the block bounded by Yarmouth Road, Clinton Street, Follis Avenue and Christie Street.

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 September 17, 2020, from a resident requesting to name the existing public lane located in the block bounded by Yarmouth Road, Clinton Street, Follis Avenue and Christie Street as, "Silver Barn Lane" in celebration of a structure that was used in the early 1900's to house sick horses.

The following background and rationale was provided by the applicant:

"Silver Barn Lane"

"Through a period of 30 years, we have renovated the structure and, in particular, the exterior, which is now clad in corrugated steel, giving the building a silver appearance.

Throughout the period of the renovation, my wife and I have repurposed the premises to create essentially, a lane house residence, as well as, an artist studio and a small shop for wood working and metal work. The building has been an art hub and many of Canada's canonical artists and writers have spent time here throughout the years.

Over the years many emerging artists have worked in the studio and gone on to have serious careers. The importance of contact with established artists and writers is an absolutely key component in assisting with the evolution and support of a younger community in a metropolitan centre such as Toronto. The building has become a generative hub for art and writing and vanguard culture over the years.

The original use of this structure was to house potentially contagious horses, who were sick and needed to be removed from the stables at the Lakeshore Armory in the early 1900s. At this time, horses were in common usage and vital to the coming of the First World War."

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

Councillor Mike Layton, Ward 11 University-Rosedale, supports this naming.

Community support was demonstrated with a petition of signatures from some of the 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-2021-002.

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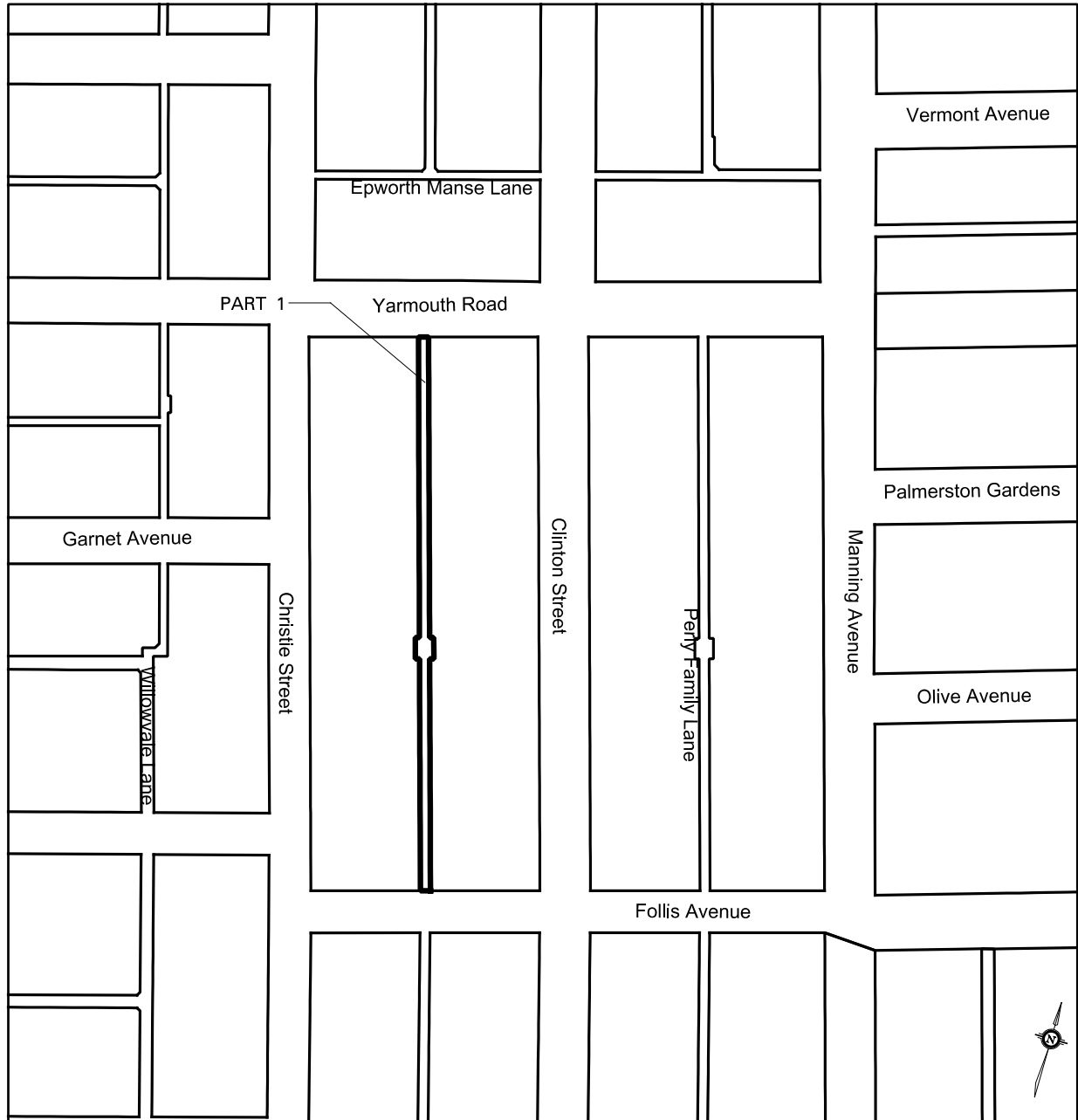
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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment No. 1 Sketch No. PS-2021-002

Attachment No. 1 Sketch No. PS-2021-002, showing the location of an existing public lane located east of Christie Street extending between Follis Avenue and Yarmouth Road.



NOTE:
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PROPERTY INFORMATION SHEET

NAMING OF AN EXISTING PUBLIC LANE LOCATED
IN THE BLOCK BOUNDED BY
YARMOUTH ROAD, CLINTON STREET,
FOLLIS AVENUE AND CHRISTIE STREET

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