

## **Naming of an existing Public Lane north of Queen Street East, extending between Wineva Avenue and Hammersmith Avenue**

**Date:** August 9, 2021

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

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

**Wards:** 19 - Beaches-East York

### **SUMMARY**

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This report recommends that the name "Douglas Browne Lane" be approved to identify an existing public lane located north of Queen Street East, extending between Wineva Avenue and Hammersmith 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**

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

1. Approve the name "Douglas Browne Lane" for an existing public lane located north of Queen Street East, extending between Wineva Avenue and Hammersmith Avenue.

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

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The cost to install street name signage is approximately \$500 and is included within the Transportation Services Division's 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 submitted on September 23, 2020, from a resident requesting to name the existing public lane located north of Queen Street East, extending between Wineva Avenue and Hammersmith Avenue as, "Douglas Browne Lane" honouring a local firefighter and community figure.

The following background and rationale provided by the named party:

### **"Douglas Browne Lane"**

*"My name is Doug Browne and I was nominated by Sally Talbot in December of 2019 to have a public lane named after me in the Beaches. Sally has since moved to BC and was unable to complete the application process.*

*I was born in 1956 at East General Hospital and brought home to 2 Hambly Avenue in the heart of "the Beach". The same house my mother grew up in. We are generational "beachers". My dad was a Toronto Firefighter since 1956.*

*I played baseball as a kid in the Beaches Baseball league at Kew Gardens, learned to skate at Kew Gardens' rink and never stopped. I even played top level lacrosse for Beaches Lacrosse Club in the summer. I raced canoes for Balmy Beach Club as a teen. I'm a life member still.*

*I learned about supporting the community as a youngster being a Boy Scout from Kew Beach Church. We did a lot of volunteer work for the people. As a young man after attending Malvern Collegiate I studying architecture and construction. I became a carpenter, helping people maintain and beautify their homes even today.*

*I then became a firefighter in 1984. I became an officer and entered into the Beach Fire Station in 2000. It was wonderful serving my great neighborhood. I was "the local boy at the local fire hall"...*

*I even designed the fire hall crest and was the creator of the BEACH sweatshirt.*

*During jazz festival I sold t-shirts and donated some to charity.*

*Four years ago, I put on the first girls hockey game at Kew Gardens (the Winter Classic) raising \$1000 for Jake Mckee a local boy fighting a brain tumour. It was a wonderful event. My two daughters also played in the game. I am always there to help people, it's my DNA."*

City Council has previously directed that no new applications to name or rename streets or other civic properties received after October 1, 2020, be considered while a review of the City's commemorative policies and programs is underway. Since this application was received prior to October 1, 2020, this proposal is exempt from the moratorium.

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

Councillor Brad Bradford, Ward 19 Beaches-East York, supports this naming.

Consent was provided by Douglas Browne, 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-2021-0040.

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## **SIGNATURE**

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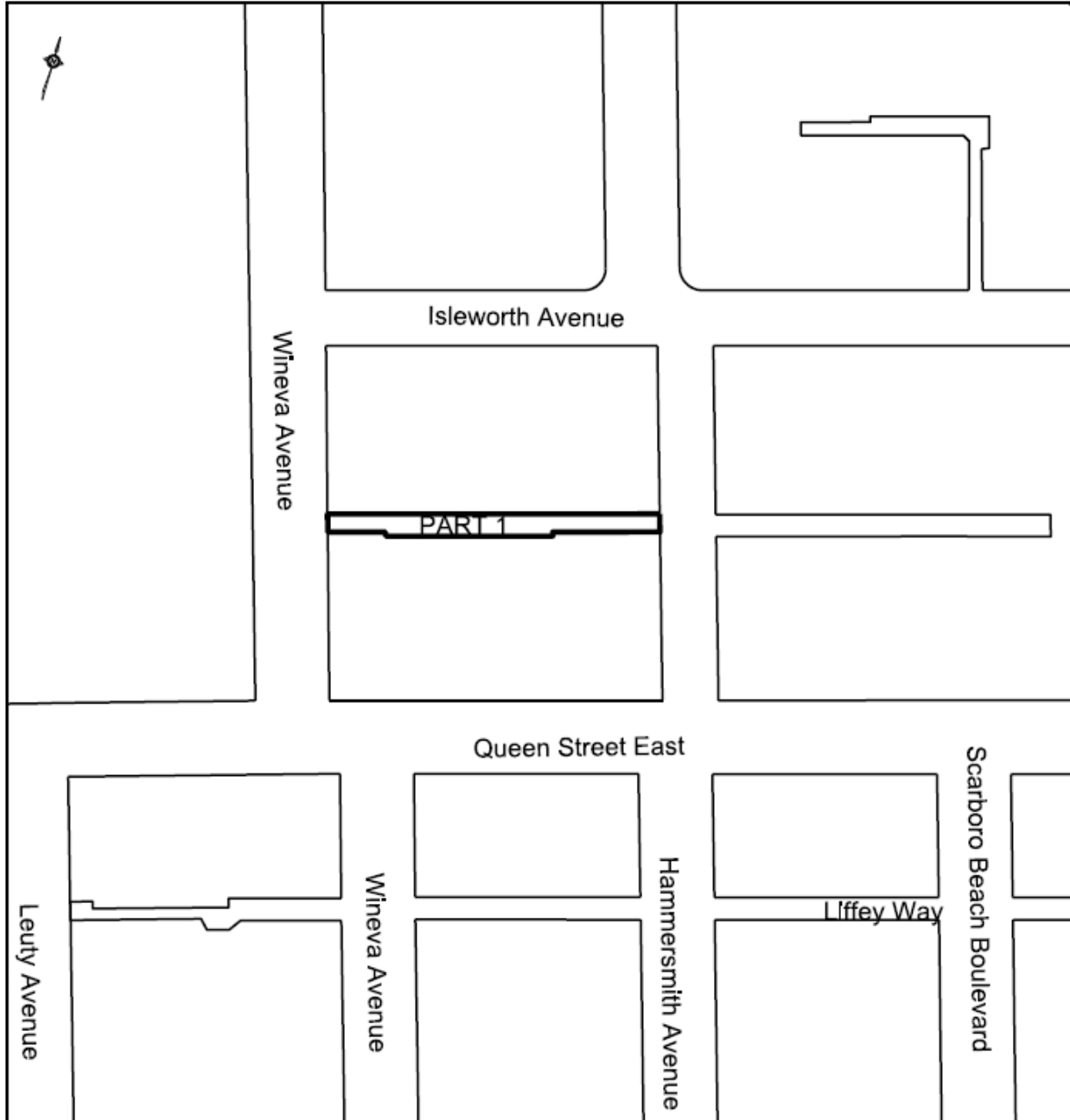
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## **ATTACHMENTS**

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Attachment No. 1 Sketch No. PS-2021-0040

The existing public lane is located north of Queen Street East, extending between Wineva Avenue and Hammersmith Avenue.



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PROPERTY INFORMATION SHEET  
NAMING OF AN EXISTING PUBLIC LANE NORTH OF  
QUEEN STREET EAST, EXTENDING BETWEEN WINEVA  
AVENUE AND HAMMERSMITH AVENUE

WARD 19 - BEACHES-EAST YORK  
DATE: JUNE 23, 2021

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