

## **Naming of an existing Public Lane south of Gerrard Street East, extending easterly from Wayland Avenue**

**Date:** September 8, 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 "Reese Fallon Way" be approved to identify an existing public lane located south of Gerrard Street East, extending easterly from Wayland 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/>. The proposal is also in alignment with the objectives of the Draft Principles for Commemoration in the Public Realm.

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 the proposed laneway naming was initiated and public engagement began prior to October 1, 2020, staff are recommending that the application be approved despite the moratorium. City Council approval is required to authorize this exception.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

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Engineering and Construction Services recommends that:

1. Despite the previous moratorium on the naming and renaming of civic properties, City Council approve the name "Reese Fallon Way" for an existing public lane located south of Gerrard Street East, extending easterly from Wayland Avenue.

## FINANCIAL IMPACT

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The cost to install street name signage is approximately \$250 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 received on November 2, 2020, from Ward Councillor Brad Bradford's office, on behalf of a local family requesting to name the existing public lane located south of Gerrard Street East, extending easterly from Wayland Avenue as "Reese Fallon Way", honouring a local resident in the community who tragically lost her life in 2018.

The following background and rationale provided by the Ward Councillor's office:

### **"Reese Fallon Way"**

*"Reese Fallon lived with her family in your neighbourhood. At 18, she had just graduated from Malvern Collegiate Institute and planned to go into the Nursing program at McMaster University when her life was cut tragically short. Reese was killed, along with 10-year-old Julianna Kozis, on July 22, 2018 in the Danforth shooting. This tragic loss in our community is still hard to fathom and her care and passion are sorely missed.*

*Reese's memory, of course, lives on through our caring community. With her family, we would like to name a Laneway after her. This would be a legacy to her short yet impactful time among us. This particular lane is being proposed to remember Reese because it's close to her home, the schools that she attended and to the many friends who cherished her. Many in the community would appreciate an opportunity to remember Reese and to perhaps feel her presence through a namesake location. As an advocate for change and an optimist, Reese had an effervescent personality. These are qualities which I hope you will agree reflect the best of what our community values."*

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Engineering and Construction Services consulted with the Recognition Review project team who reviewed the proposal and found it to be in alignment with the objectives of the Draft Principles for Commemoration in the Public Realm. The proposed naming

commemorates the life and legacy of a young Toronto woman. As an equity-deserving community, women are among the priority groups for improved representation in public commemorations.

As part of the City's Recognition Review project, staff are developing a new framework to guide the commemoration of public figures and events in monuments, street, and place names. Staff will give consideration to memorializing victims of crime as part of this framework. The framework will be presented to Council in 2022.

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.

Reese Fallon passed away on July 22, 2018.

Consent was provided by the father of the named party.

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

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-2021-046

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## **SIGNATURE**

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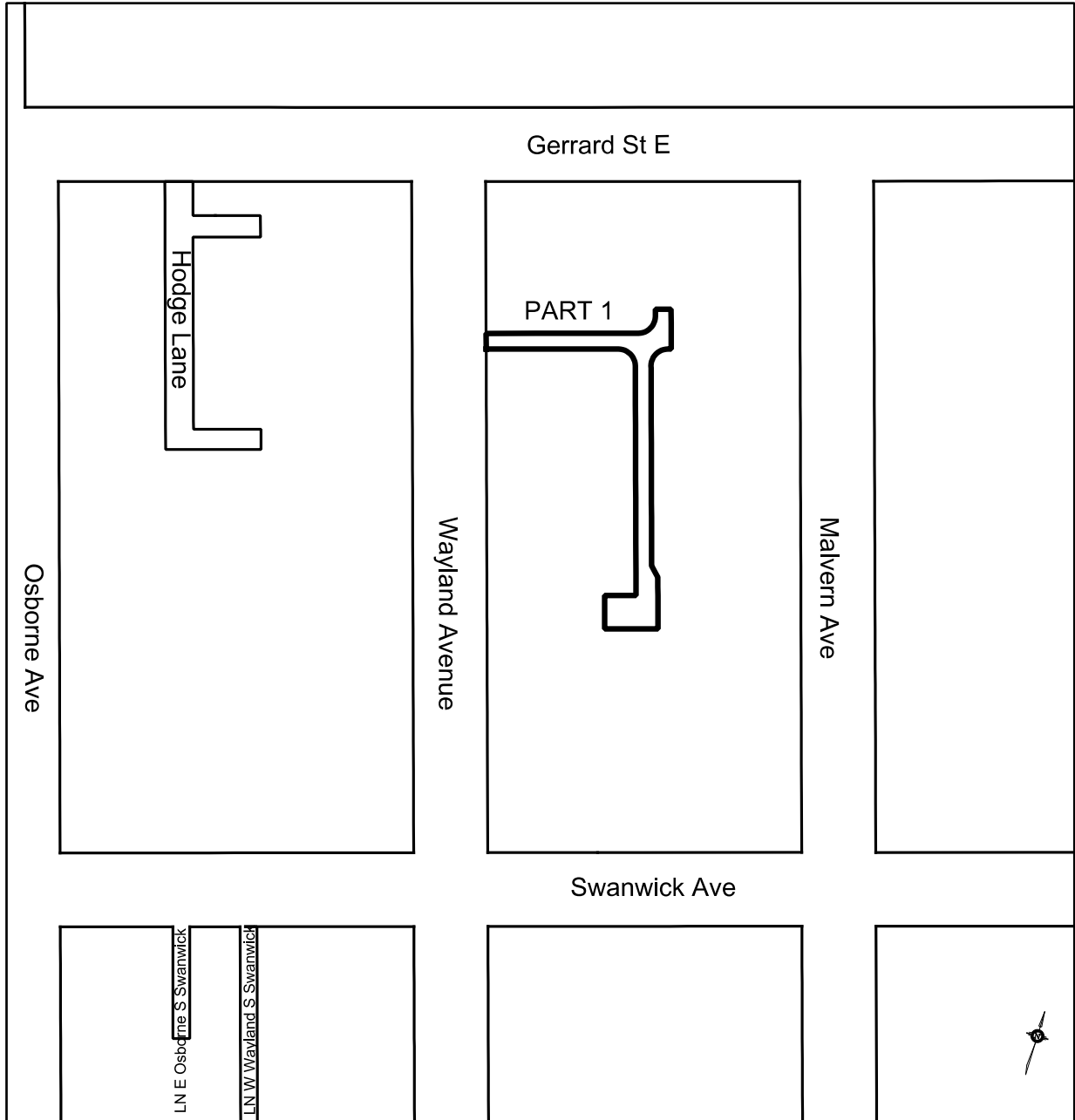
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## **ATTACHMENTS**

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Attachment No. 1 Sketch No. PS-2021-046

The existing public lane is located south of Gerrard Street East, extending easterly from Wayland Avenue.



**PROPERTY INFORMATION SHEET**  
**NAMING OF AN EXISTING PUBLIC LANE SOUTH OF**  
**GERARD STREET EAST, EXTENDING EASTERLY FROM**  
**WAYLAND AVENUE**

**NOTE:**  
 THIS SKETCH HAS BEEN  
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 RECORDS. MEASUREMENTS  
 ARE APPROXIMATE

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