

Naming of an existing Public Lane west of Rusholme Road, extending south of Rusholme Park Crescent

Date: April 29, 2022

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 "Tony Oliveira Lane" be approved to identify an existing Public Lane located west of Rusholme Road, extending south of Rusholme Park Crescent.

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:

1. Approve the name "Tony Oliveira Lane" for an existing Public Lane located west of Rusholme Road, extending south of Rusholme Park Crescent.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The cost to install street name signage is approximately \$250 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 submitted on October 01, 2019, from a resident requesting to name the existing public lane located west of Rusholme Road, extending south of Rusholme Park Crescent as, "Tony Oliveira Lane" in a memory of a beloved neighbour.

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 following background and rationale provided by the applicant:

"Tony Oliveira Lane"

"Antonio Oliveira (Tony as he was known in the neighbourhood) resided at 60 Rusholme Road, Toronto for approximately 30 years which was a rooming house when he purchased it. Tony converted it into his family home where he resided with his wife of 43 years, Lucinda, and their two children. The laneway that we would like to name after him is behind his house.

Tony's house was in the heart of Little Portugal. Tony was born in Portugal. He worked as a carpenter in Canada. Tony was a beloved neighbour with a big and infectious laugh that could be heard down the street. In retirement, Tony spent his summers growing vegetables in his garden and he would leave vegetables for neighbours on their door handles. Tony was also popular with children in the neighbourhood since he always had a big box of cookies for them. Children would often beg their parents to knock on Tony's door for a cookie (some parents enjoyed them too). In the winters, Tony could be seen ploughing the sidewalk of his neighbours after a snowstorm. When Tony would return to Portugal each winter to visit his family home, he would often call his neighbours back in Toronto to ask how their kids were and he would bring them back gifts. Children in the area now love to play in the nameless alleyway behind Tony's home.

Tony passed away on March 15, 2019. He was 75 years old. The neighbourhood will be a little less colourful without Tony and he will be deeply missed.

As the neighbourhood slowly changes with the older generation of Portuguese either moving away or passing. It would be a fitting tribute to name the laneway after Tony Oliveira, and it would serve as a reminder to the heritage of the neighbourhood".

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

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

Consent was provided by the spouse of the named party.

Community support was demonstrated from the property owners/residents who 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-2022-0014.

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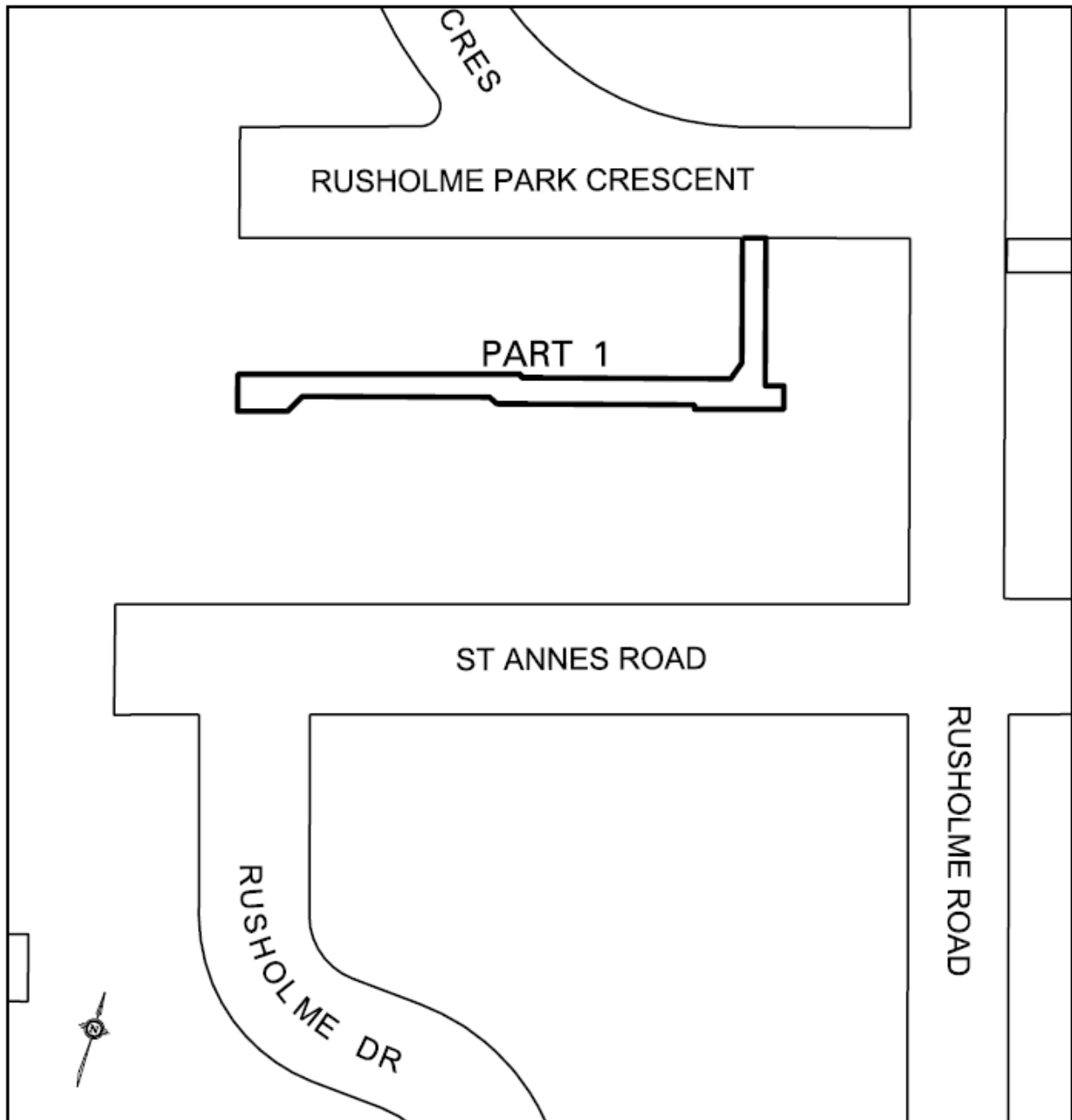
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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment No. 1 Sketch No. PS-2022-014

Showing the location of an existing Public Lane located west of Rusholme Road, extending south of Rusholme Park Crescent.



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NAMING OF THE PUBLIC LANE
WEST OF RUSHOLME ROAD, SOUTH OF
RUSHOLME PARK CRESCENT

WARD 9 - DAVENPORT
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