

Naming of a Proposed Private Street for a Development at 100 Queens Quay East

Date: May 29, 2022

To: Toronto and East York Community Council

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

Wards: Ward 10 - Spadina - Fort York

SUMMARY

This report recommends that the name "John M Tinsley Street" be approved to identify a proposed private street located 100 Queens Quay East.

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 "John M Tinsley Street" for a proposed private street located at 100 Queens Quay East;
2. Request the applicant to pay the costs, estimated to be \$750.00, for the fabrication and installation of the street name signage; and
3. Request the owner and successors of the subject lands to maintain, at their own expense, the street name signage installed under Recommendation 1 of this report.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There are no financial implications to the City resulting from the adoption of this report. The estimated cost of \$750.00 for the street name signage is to be paid by the applicant.

DECISION HISTORY

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

COMMENTS

An application was received on July 30, 2020 from a developer requesting to name a proposed private street in connection with their development located at 100 Queens Quay East, as "John M Tinsley Street" honouring a Black Canadian.

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 was provided by the applicant:

"John M Tinsley Street"

"John Tinsley was a free Black man, born in Virginia, who came to Toronto in the 1840s. He operated a successful construction company and was a prosperous building contractor. Tinsley was active and helpful in the Black community in Toronto and would hire newcomer freedom seekers from the United States to his various construction projects. John Tinsley was considered Toronto's most successful Black construction company owner and was recognized with a lengthy obituary in the Toronto Globe when he passed away in 1892."

This naming proposal was reviewed against Sections 3.10 and 3.10.1 of the City of Toronto Street Naming Policy which states, in part, that:

"... where consent has not been received, despite reasonable efforts, the City, in absence of any refusal to provide consent or legal concerns, may approve the name if the applicant is able to demonstrate efforts to obtain consent to the satisfaction of the City"

In an effort to obtain consent for the use of a historic name for the naming of the private street, the Councillor's office sought assistance from the Ontario Black History Society, the Confronting Anti-Black Racism Unit and Heritage Toronto before reaching out to a genealogist to research descendants of the suggested name "John M Tinsley".

The Councillor's office submitted a report dated November 29, 2021 from Upper Canada Genealogy which details their efforts to find a living descendant of the named party, John M Tinsley, which ultimately provided unsuccessful results. This report meets with the satisfaction of the Ward Councillor and as such, the naming is proceeding under Section 3.10.1.

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

Councillor Joe Cressy, Ward 10 – Spadina – Fort York, supports this naming.

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

The private street is shown as PART 1 and PART 2 on Attachment No.1 Sketch No. PS-2022-028.

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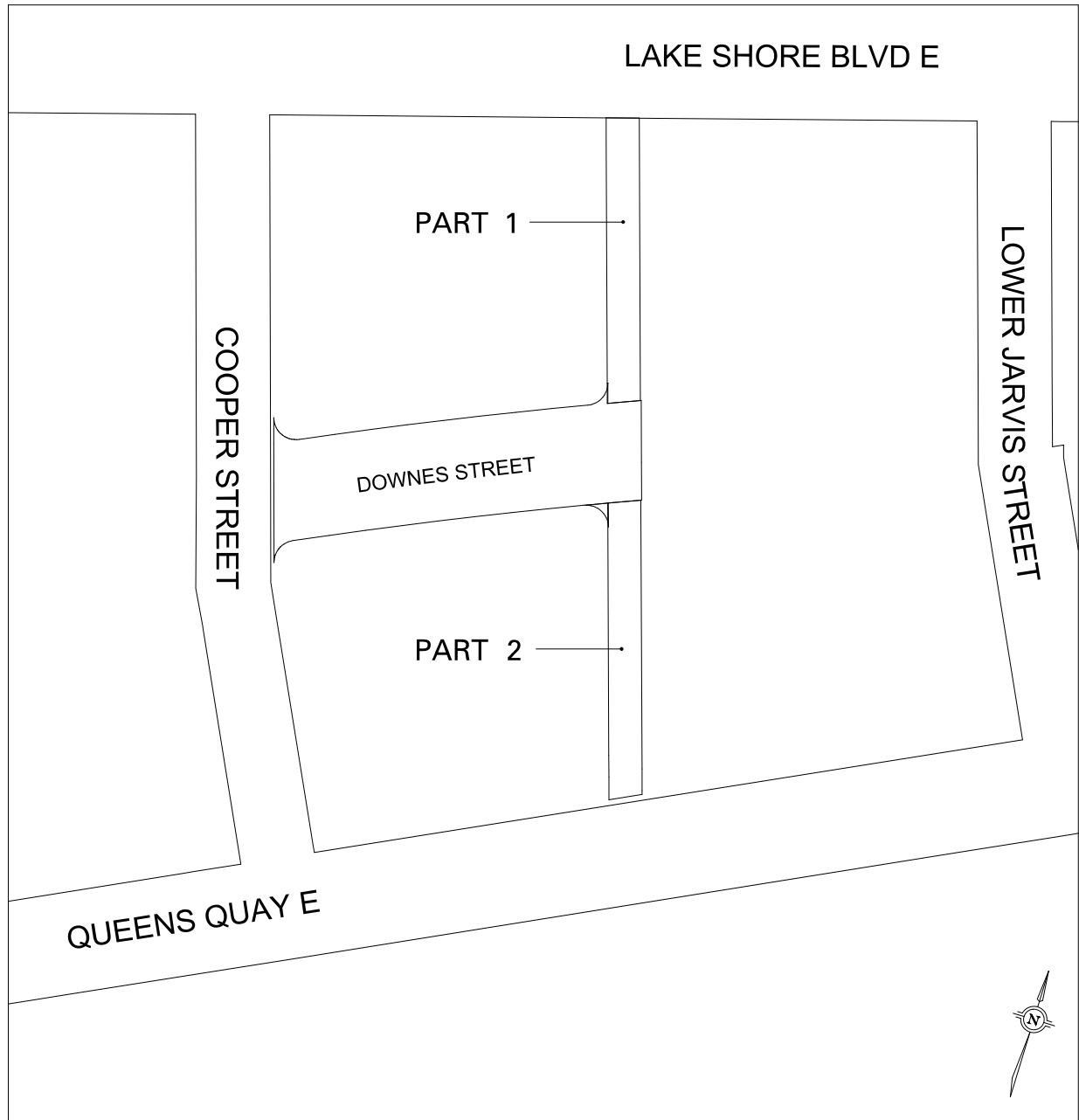
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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment No. 1 Sketch No. PS-2022-028

Showing the location of a Proposed Private Street east of Cooper Street, extending between Lake Shore Boulevard East and Queens Quay East



PROPERTY INFORMATION SHEET
NAMING OF A PROPOSED PRIVATE STREET FOR
A DEVELOPMENT AT
100 QUEENS QUAY EAST

NOTE:
THIS SKETCH HAS BEEN
COMPILED FROM OFFICE
RECORDS. MEASUREMENTS
ARE APPROXIMATE

CHECK BY ANA MICHALEK
PREPARED BY: DWAYNE PITT

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