

Renaming of Lower Coxwell Avenue between Queen Street East and Lake Shore Boulevard East

Date: June 3, 2022

To: Toronto and East York Community Council

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

Wards: 14 - Toronto-Danforth and 19 Beaches-East York

SUMMARY

A request by Councillor Fletcher's office was made to our office on May 10, 2022, with support from the Mississauga Credit First Nation (MCFN) to rename Lower Coxwell Avenue between Queen Street East and Lake Shore Boulevard East, as "Emdaabiimok Avenue" in celebration of the history of the community, and its surroundings.

The proposed name "Emdaabiimok Avenue" complies with the Policy, however, renaming of streets is addressed in section 3.4 of the Street Naming Policy which states:

"3.4 Streets that have been named, renamed, or assigned a ceremonial name within the previous ten years will not be renamed."

Because the original naming of this street occurred in 2019, a renaming at this time is not in compliance with the Street Naming Policy.

Community Councils have delegated authority to decide street naming matters which comply with the Street Naming Policy. As this renaming is not in compliance with the Street Naming Policy, Toronto and East York Community Council does not have delegated authority to approve a renaming within the previous 10 years.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

1. Receive the report for information.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There is no financial impact to adopting the recommendation contained in this report.

DECISION HISTORY

Toronto and East York Community Council on September 16, 2019, adopted Item TE8.7, "Renaming of a portion of Coxwell Avenue between Queen Street East and Lake Shore Boulevard East" and in so doing, approved the renaming of a portion of Coxwell Avenue between Queen Street East and Lake Shore Boulevard East as, "Lower Coxwell Avenue".

Toronto and East York Community Council on November 5, 2019 adopted Item TE10.5 which included a recommendation that requested, in part, the Indigenous Affairs Office to provide an appropriate street name to precede the new Lower Coxwell designation and to report to the Toronto and East York Community Council.

This reports responds to Items above.

COMMENTS

Councillor Fletcher's office has provided the following rationale and background:

"Emdaabiimok Avenue"

"This name was decided upon because the Lower Coxwell road itself was a traditional path that Indigenous people used to get to the water. The name encompasses the history of the community, its surroundings and promotes Anishinaabe culture with the inclusion of the literal translation in Anishinaabemowin:

Emdaabiimok [Em-dah-bee-muck] - Where the road goes to the water

This translation came from James Shawana – an Anishinaabemowin instructor who teaches the language at Lloyd S. King Elementary school located on the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation."

This renaming was reviewed under Section 3.4 of the Street Naming Policy which is restrictive of renamings for streets that have been named less than ten years. Lower Coxwell Avenue was named on September 16, 2019:

3.4 Streets that have been named, renamed, or assigned a ceremonial name within the previous ten years will not be renamed.

The Director, Engineering Support Services, Engineering and Construction Services recommends Toronto and East York Community Council reject the request to rename Lower Coxwell Avenue to "Emdaabiimok Avenue".

Should Toronto and East York Community wish to recommend the renaming of Lower Coxwell Avenue to "Emdaabiimok Avenue", the following recommendation may be adopted, in accordance with the Street Naming Policy:

1. Toronto and East York Community Council recommend that City Council grant an exemption to Section 3.4 of the Street Naming Policy which states in part "Streets that have been named, renamed, or assigned a ceremonial name within the previous ten

years will not be renamed", and approve the renaming of Lower Coxwell Avenue to "Emdaabiimok Avenue".

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 naming initiative was commenced prior to October 1, 2020, this proposal is exempt from the moratorium.

Toronto Police Services and Toronto Fire Services expressed concern with the name proposal from a safety perspective. Their concerns are with regards to the spelling and pronunciation of the street name in an emergency dispatch call which could potentially impede response times.

Toronto Paramedic Services did not have any concerns.

Councillor Fletcher, Ward 14 - Toronto-Danforth and Councillor Bradford, Ward 19 Beaches-East York support the renaming proposal.

The renaming initiative has the support of Mississauga Credit First Nation (MCFN) and the City's Indigenous Affairs Office.

The street is shown as PART 1 on Attachment No.1 Sketch No. PS-2022-024.

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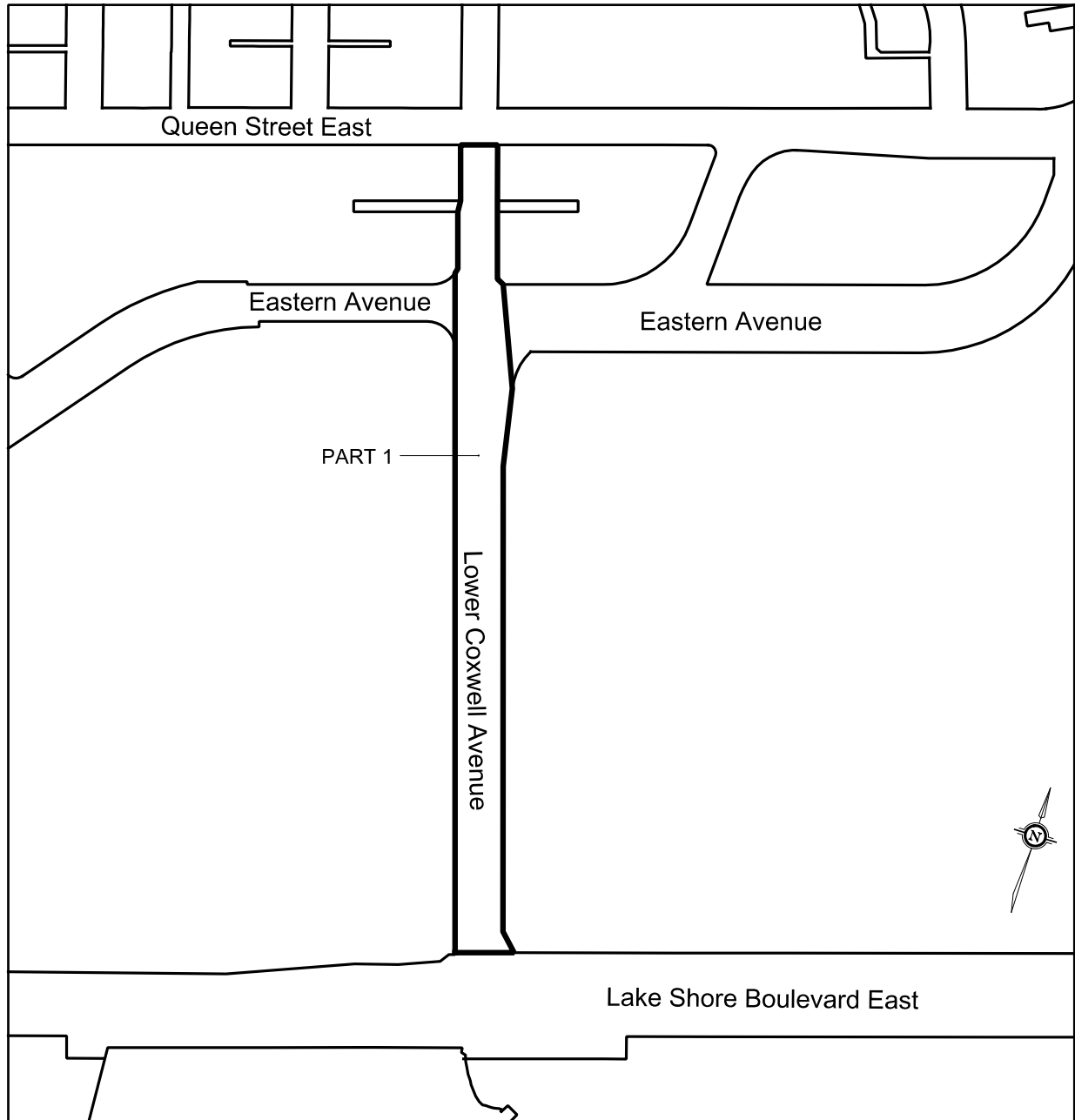
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ATTACHMENT

Attachment No. 1 Sketch No. PS-2022-024

Showing the location of a portion of Lower Coxwell Avenue between Queen Street East and Lake Shore Boulevard East.



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PROPERTY INFORMATION SHEET
RENAMING A PORTION OF LOWER COXWELL AVENUE
BETWEEN QUEEN STREET EAST AND
LAKE SHORE BOULEVARD EAST

WARD 14 - TORONTO-DANFORTH
WARD 19 - BEACHES-EAST YORK
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