

Naming of the Public Lane South of Hartford Avenue, extending between Herbert Avenue and Elmer Avenue

Date: May 29, 2022

To: Toronto and East York Community Council

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

Wards: 19 – Beaches East York

SUMMARY

This report recommends that the name "Rod Armstrong Lane" be approved to identify an existing Public Lane located south of Hartford Avenue, extending between Herbert Avenue and Elmer 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

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

1. Approve the name "Rod Armstrong Lane" for an existing Public Lane located south of Hartford Avenue, extending between Herbert Avenue and Elmer Avenue.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The cost to install street name signage is approximately \$500 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 July 25, 2020, from a resident requesting to name the existing public lane located south of Hartford Avenue, extending between Herbert Avenue and Elmer Avenue as, "Rod Armstrong Lane" in honour of a local Beach community figure.

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:

"Rod Armstrong Lane"

"Rod was very popular on the street and news of this application was met with great support from his neighbours. Tod was frequently described as a Perfect neighbour. He always had a pleasant smile and a cheery greeting. Rod was genuinely interested in whether his neighbour's child make the select team, got into the arts high school or got a summer job. Rod always made a point of checking out the street when driving his wife up to Woodbine subway station, often drivingly very slowly around the corner of Hartford to see if he could pick someone up and save them waiting for the 92 bus. As he approached the bus stop he would always ask his wife is she recognized anyone. He was happy to push someone's car our of a snow bank, water their garden while they're away, take out their garbage, and bring in the mail. Rod did all the yard work and small repairs for the pensioner who used to live next door.

Rod grew up in The Beach. He attended Williamson Road School and was a star athlete at Malvern, participating on the swim team, football tea, and basketball team. He captained the basketball team in his graduating year.

A lifeguard on the beach for many summers, Rod inspired a steady stream of younger family members to do the same, a tradition that has lasted right up to the present day. Rod was a member of the Kew Beach Tennis club for many years, and signatures of support have been gathered from Club members.

Rod loved his neighbourhood. You could always find him walking along Queen Street, running errands or taking his grandchildren to school. He was a regular at such iconic Beach locations as the Goof Restaurant; The Fox Theatre and the beaches library branch. Rod loved to brag that Queen Street has been named "best main street in Ontario" and that the Fox was the oldest continuously running movie theatre in the Country. Supporting local business was a point of honour for him. He said "support the local" before it was a popular slogan.

Rod's untimely death....robbed not only his family of a beloved husband, father, grandfather, sibling and cousin but also the greater Beach community of a great neighbour and supporter".

The named party passed away in May of 2020.

Consent was provided by the widow and executrix of the named party.

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

Councillor Bradford, Ward 19 Beaches–East York, supports this naming proposal.

Community support was demonstrated from property owners/residents who abut the public lane as well as the general 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-2022-022.

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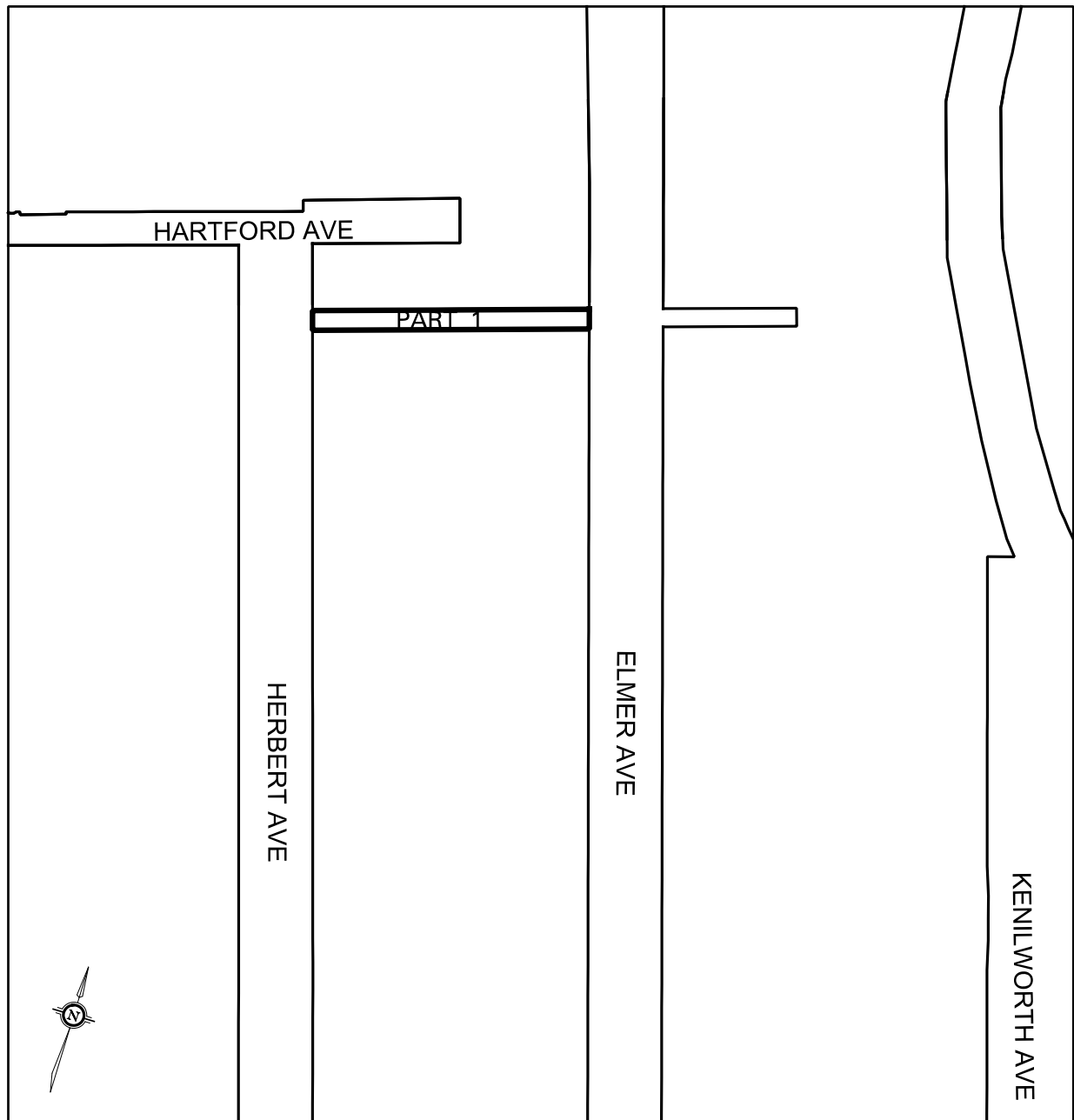
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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment No. 1 Sketch No. PS-2022-022

Showing the location of an existing Public Lane located south of Hartford Avenue, extending between Herbert Avenue and Elmer Avenue



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