

Street Naming Initiatives – Port Lands Flood Protection – Phase 1

Date: June 3, 2022

To: Toronto and East York Community Council

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

Wards: 14 - Toronto-Danforth

SUMMARY

This report recommends approval of the westerly extension of Commissioners Street, west of Cherry Street.

This report recommends the realignment and naming of a portion of Cherry Street between Polson Street and Commissioners Street (westerly extension)

This naming initiative 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 westerly extension of Commissioners Street, west of Cherry Street, shown as PART #1 on Attachment No. 1 Sketch No. PS-2022-025
2. Approve the realignment and naming of a portion of Cherry Street extending between Polson Street and Commissioners, shown as PART #2 on Attachment No. 1 Sketch No. PS-2022-025.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The cost to install street name signage is approximately \$1000 and is included within the Transportation Services Division Operating Budget.

DECISION HISTORY

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

COMMENTS

As part of the Port Lands Flood Protection project, Waterfront Toronto is re-aligning the section of Cherry Street between Lake Shore Boulevard and Polson Street further west. A portion of the existing Cherry Street between Villiers and Commissioners Street will remain open as part of the road network in the future Villiers Island neighbourhood. To avoid the confusion of two parallel Cherry Streets, this small section of the original Cherry Street must be renamed, and the new segments of Cherry Street and Commissioners Street must be named.

Renaming “old” Cherry Street

Through the Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP), adopted by City Council in April 2022, the City acknowledged the importance of Indigenous placemaking and placekeeping in strengthening Indigenous connections with lands and waters. The Villiers Island Precinct Plan stipulates that the development of Villiers Island should increase awareness of the history and current activity of Indigenous culture and naming public spaces using Indigenous names.

As a result, City staff in the Waterfront Secretariat and the Indigenous Affairs Office have engaged with the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation to identify an appropriate name for the segment of Cherry Street extending between Villiers and Commissioners Street.

This street is the first of several naming opportunities for significant new landmarks in the Port Lands. As part of Port Lands Flood Protection, a network of new park spaces is scheduled to open in 2024, and new streets will be built as Villiers Island is developed. The City's forthcoming new commemorative framework will be used to guide these future naming processes. Indigenous rights-holders, including the Mississaugas of the Credit, and urban Indigenous will be engaged throughout these processes

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. An exception was made that allows proceeding with the naming's of a small number of streets, such as in development sites that require new street names ahead of the next report to Council in Q2 of 2022 so as to avoid any delays in the development approvals process. There are several planned street closures and openings scheduled at this site in 2022. The approval of these street names is required ahead of the lifting of moratorium and as such this application falls under that exception and is exempt from the moratorium.

Councillor Fletcher, 14 - Toronto-Danforth supports this naming initiative.

The two naming proposals are an extension and realignment of existing street names, and as such no circulation to the first responders is necessary.

The Municipal Numbering Team has confirmed that there are sufficient municipal addresses to accommodate the extension and realignment.

The proposed extension, and alignment are shown as Part 1, and 2 respectively on Attachment No.1 Sketch No. PS-2022-025 and according to the schedule below:

Part #	Proposed Name
1	Commissioners Street
2	Cherry Street

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

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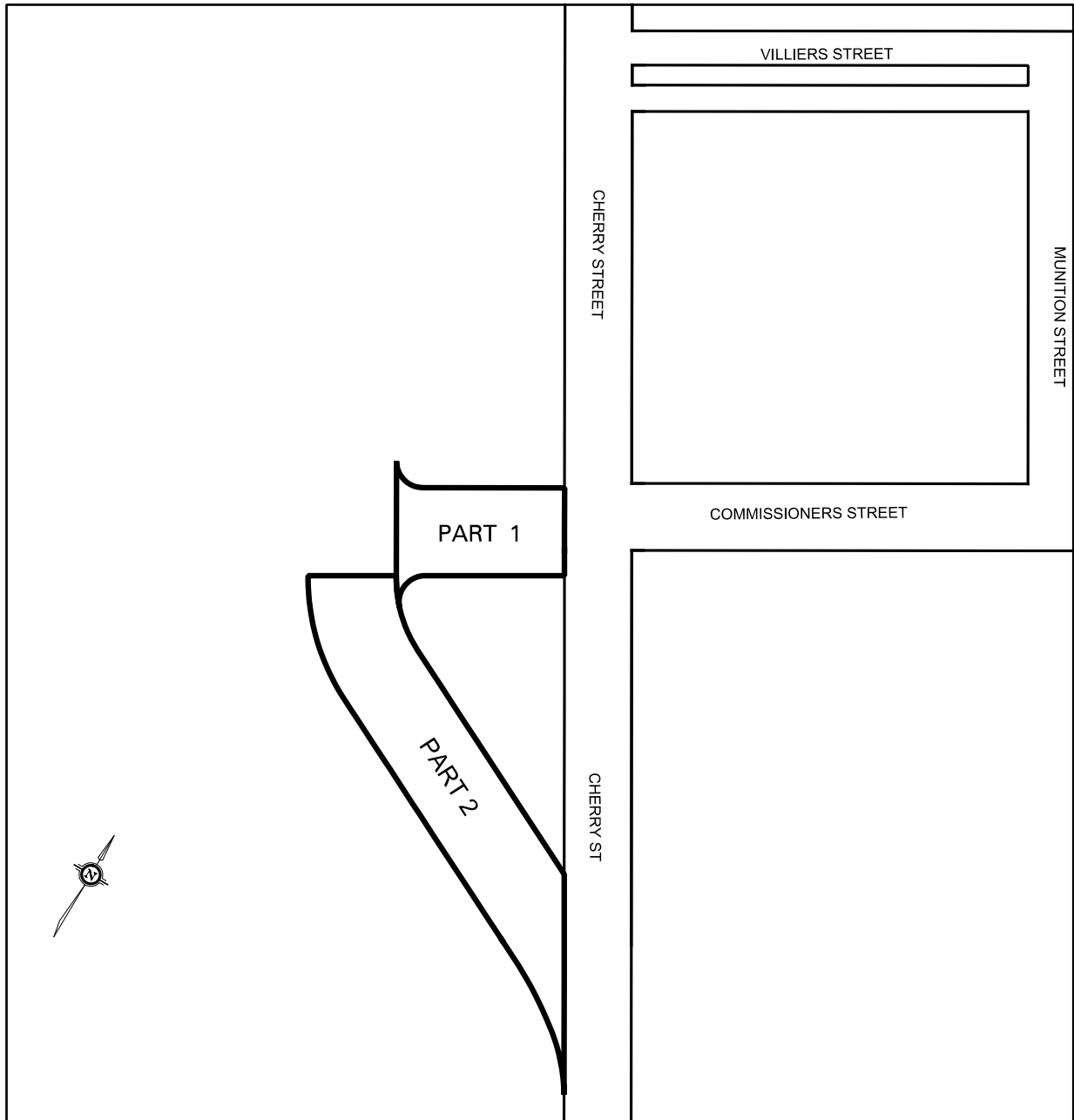
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ATTACHMENT

Attachment No. 1 Sketch No. PS-2022-025

Showing the westerly extension of Commissioners Street, west of Cherry Street and a portion of the realignment of Cherry Street extending between Polson Street and Commissioners Street



PROPERTY INFORMATION SHEET
STREET NAMING INITIATIVES – PORT LANDS
FLOOD PROTECTION – PHASE 1

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