

Naming of an existing Public Lane west of Royal York Road, extending between Hay Avenue and Simpson Avenue

Date: January 27, 2023

To: Etobicoke York Community Council

From: Director, Engineering Support Services, Engineering & Construction Services
General Manager, Economic Development & Culture

Wards: Ward 3 – Etobicoke-Lakeshore

SUMMARY

This report recommends that the name "Natale Bozzo Lane" be approved to identify an existing public lane located west of Royal York Road, extending between Hay Avenue and Simpson 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/>

This naming proposal is in alignment with the objectives of the [Guiding Principles](#) for Commemoration in the Public Realm.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Engineering & Construction Services and Economic Development & Culture recommend that Etobicoke York Community Council:

1. Approve the name "Natale Bozzo Lane" for an existing public lane located west of Royal York Road, extending between Hay Avenue and Simpson 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 received on September 10, 2021, from a resident, requesting to name the existing public lane located west of Royal York Road, extending between Hay Avenue and Simpson Avenue as "Natale Bozzo Lane", honouring a local community figure and business owner.

The following background and rationale provided by the applicant:

"Natale Bozzo Lane"

"It's not often that you come across a person who is as renowned within a local community as Natale. Sadly, he passed away in early 2021, but the impact that this man had on our Etobicoke-Lakeshore community is immeasurable.

Natale was the man behind SanRemo Bakery- a beloved staple in Etobicoke-Lakeshore. But the legacy that he leaves behind is much more than SanRemo. His story is an inspirational tale of a young Italian immigrant who came to Canada at the age of 15, and through hard work, dedication, and passion, purchased a bakery in 1969 that would become one of our community's most beloved treasures.

Natale would go on to pass the business to his three sons, however they've been able to build on the foundation that their father started. SanRemo consistently gives back to the community that have supported them for over 50 years. Whether it's through their involvement with the Mimico Village BIA, fundraising for area schools, giving back to local churches, and supporting community sports teams- their contributions to this community know no bounds.

While SanRemo will remain an iconic landmark here in Etobicoke-Lakeshore, it is only fitting that there be a feature in the community bearing the name of its founder. For the Bozzo family, they've asked for that feature to be the laneway behind the bakery- and I wholeheartedly support their request. Natale started something special, and it's only fitting that we pay homage to reflect his dedicated service to his community."

Natale Bozzo Historical Research

"Natale Bozzo (24 December 1945- 18 February 2021) was born in Calabria, Italy in 1945, Natale Bozzo's family story is representative of many newcomers to Toronto. He immigrated to Toronto with his family (mother, father, and six siblings) in about 1960 when he was 15. The Canadian Museum of Immigration at Pier 1 notes that "[b]etween the early 1950s and the mid-1960s, approximately 20,000-30,000 Italians came to Canada each year." Many made their way to Toronto, making the Italian community here one of the largest outside of Italy.

In 1969 Mr. Bozzo purchased the Di Leo's Bakery and Pizzeria (374 Royal York Road) with his three of brothers, renaming it the SanRemo Bakery. Today the business is operated by his three sons.

There was extensive news coverage of Mr. Bozzo's death in 2021. There was a huge outpouring of grief in the community after the announcement of his death, including statements of condolence from Councillor Mark Grimes and Premier Doug Ford.

The Bozzo family's story is an interesting part of the City's history and deserved further research and documentation as the narrative of one immigrant family's arrival and success in their adopted home".

Complete Historical Research Report is available upon request.

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

Councillor Amber Morley, Ward 3 Etobicoke-Lakeshore, supports this naming.

Natale Bozzo passed away on February 18, 2021.

Consent was provided by Robert Bozzo, son of the named party.

Community support was demonstrated with a petition of signatures from property owners/residents who directly 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-2022-026**

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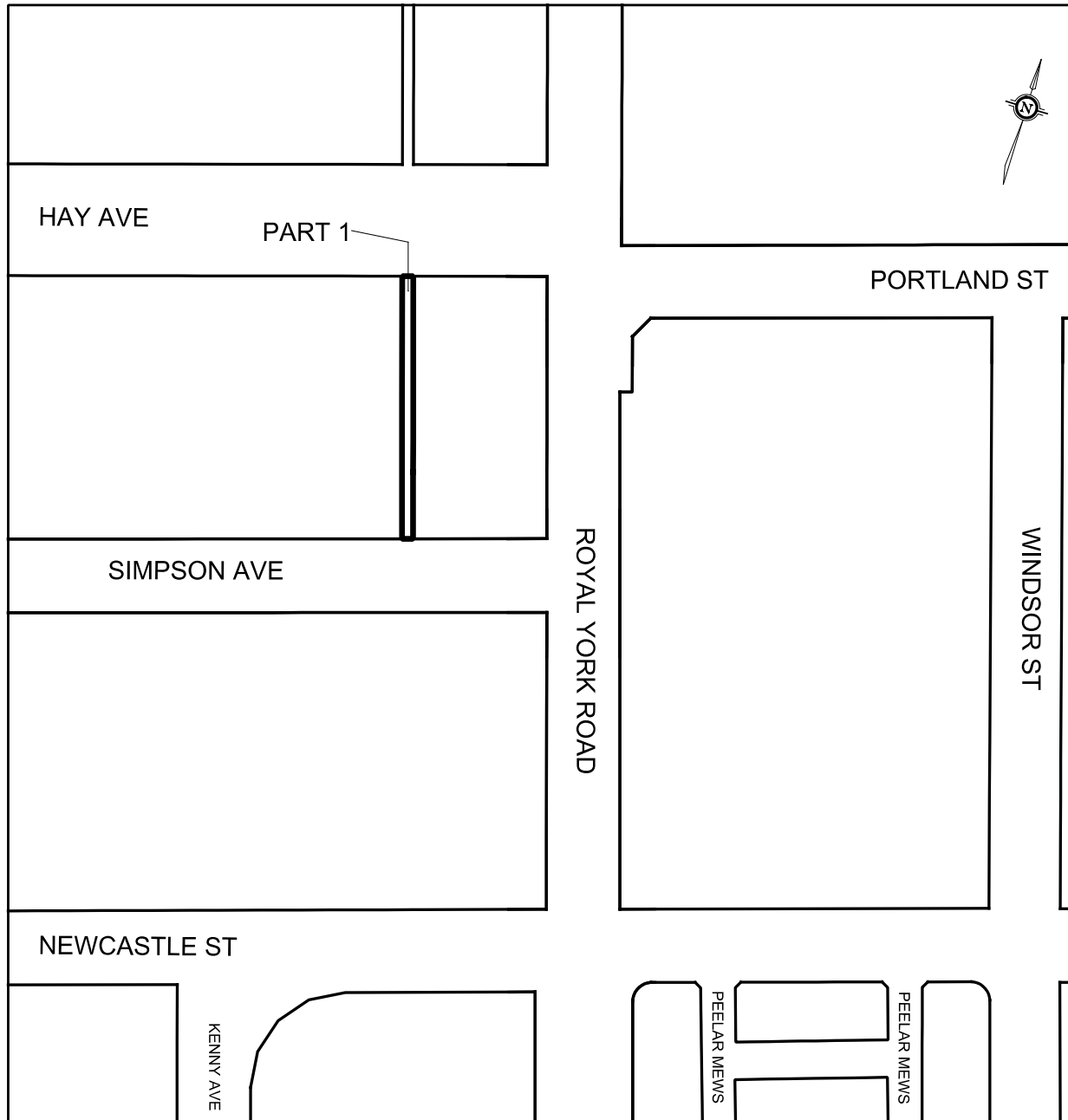
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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment No. 1 Sketch No. **PS-2022-026**

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Showing the location of an existing public lane located west of Royal York Road, extending between Hay Avenue and Simpson Avenue.



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