

## **Naming of an existing Public Lane located West of Pape Avenue, North of Floyd Avenue**

**Date:** March 23, 2023

**To:** Toronto and East York Community Council

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

**Wards:** Ward 14 - Toronto - Danforth

### **SUMMARY**

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This report recommends that the name "Lippert Lane" be approved to identify an existing Public Lane located West of Pape Avenue, North of Floyd 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**

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Engineering and Construction Services and Economic Development & Culture recommends that Toronto and East York Community Council:

1. Approve the name "Lippert Lane" for an existing Public Lane located west of Pape Avenue, North of Floyd Avenue.

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

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The cost to install street name signage is approximately \$250 and is included within the Transportation Services Division's Operating Budget.

## DECISION HISTORY

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

## COMMENTS

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An application was received on February 23, 2022, from a resident requesting to name the existing public lane located west of Pape Avenue, north of Floyd Avenue, as “Lippert Lane” honouring Joseph Lippert Jr., who was the founder of Lippert Music Centre Inc.

The following background and rationale was provided by the applicant:

### **“Lippert Lane”**

*Lippert Music Centre Inc, established in 1957, is celebrating its 65<sup>th</sup> year in business as a music school. It was founded by my father, Joseph Lippert, Jr. I believe it is the oldest business in the Pape Village BIA and one of the oldest music schools in East York/Toronto, next to the Royal Conservatory of Music.*

*The house where Lippert Music Centre operates, at 970 Pape Avenue, was built in 1944 by Joseph Lippert, Sr. and the Lippert family is the only family to have lived in the house since it was built.*

*It would be an honour for the Lippert Family name to be recognized by the city for this milestone by naming the unnamed lane west of Pape Avenue, north of Floyd Avenue, "Lippert Lane". This would make the Lippert family proud, especially my father and grandfather, who are now deceased.*

### **Lippert Lane Historical Research**

*The Lippert family and the Lippert Music Centre have a long history at 970 Pape Avenue.*

*The house first appears in 1946 City Directory as being owner-occupied by Joseph Lippert (Sr.), a cabinet maker. This would be consistent with the structure being occupied in 1945 (there is a data lag in the directories). Beginning construction in 1944 is consistent with this line of reasoning. From the directories it appears that Joseph (Sr.) is listed as the owner until 1962. In 1963, title appears to transfer to Joseph (Jr.) and Joseph (Sr.) moves to Willowdale.*

*Joseph John Lippert first appears in the 1946 City Directory as a salesman for Louis K Liggett Co Ltd, a firm that operated chain of independently owned drug stores (United Drug Stores, later Rexall). He holds a number of employers between 1951 and 1956 when East End Music Centre is listed, including Simpson's, East York, Arthur A Crawley and Co, and Ford Tractor and Equipment Company. The 1956 City Directory has the*

*first appearance of Joseph Lippert Jr. as an employee of East End Music Centre. In 1963, the name changes to Lippert Music Centre at this address.*

*A search of the 1956 City Directory found 15 schools of music operating in Toronto, none in East York, of those it appears only the Royal Conservatory of Music and the Lippert Music Centre are still in operation. A comparison of the current Pape Village BIA membership directory with the 1956 City Directory found only one church (Bethany Baptist Church) and only one business (Hanson's Danish Pastry Shop) in the BIA predating the music school.*

*Based on this historical review, nothing was found to recommend not proceeding with the naming of Lippert Lane.*

Complete Historical Research Report is available upon request.

The named party passed away on January 28, 2016.

Consent was provided by Charleen Beard, the daughter and Director of Lippert Music Centre Inc., 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 Fletcher, Ward 14 Toronto-Danforth, supports this naming proposal.

Community support was demonstrated from property owners / residents who abut the public lane as well as the general local community. The applicant also submitted a letter of support from Councillor Fletcher's office.

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-2023-006.

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## **SIGNATURE**

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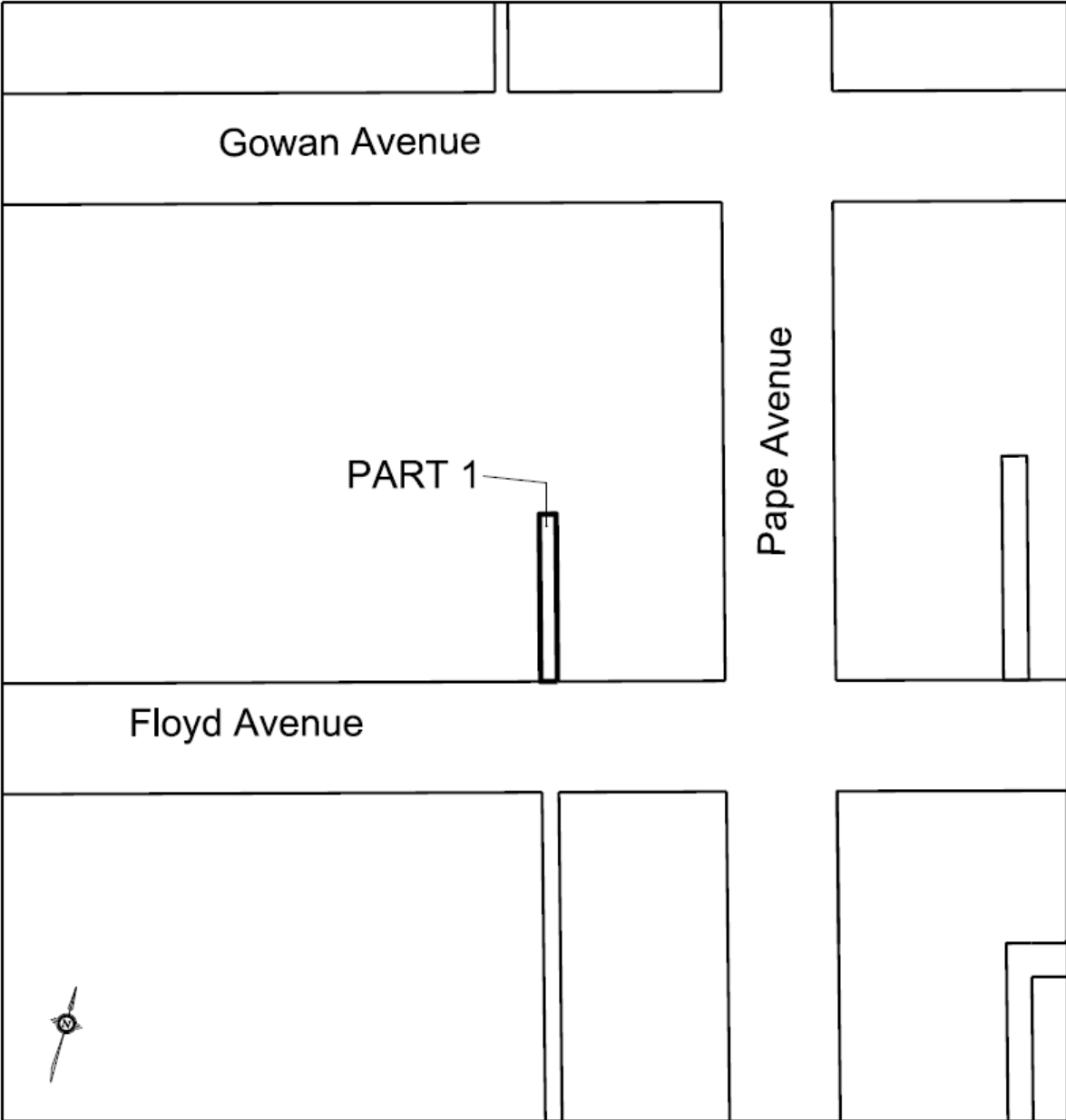
Patrick Tobin, General Manager, Economic Development & Culture

## **ATTACHMENTS**

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Attachment No. 1 Sketch No. PS-2023-006

Showing the location of an existing Public Lane located West of Pape Avenue, North of Floyd Avenue

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