

Naming of an existing Public Lane South of Hallam Street extending between Delaware Avenue and Concord Avenue

Date: April 20, 2023

To: Toronto and East York Community Council

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

Wards: Ward 9 - Davenport

SUMMARY

This report recommends that the name Pura Vida Lane be approved to identify an existing public lane located south of Hallam Street extending between Delaware Avenue and Concord 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 “Pura Vida Lane” for an existing public lane located south of Hallam Street extending between Delaware Avenue and Concord 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 December 4, 2020, from a resident requesting to name the existing public lane located south of Hallam Street extending between Delaware Avenue and Concord Avenue, as “Pura Vida Lane” nodding to a Spanish phrase that translates to “pure life” or “simple life”. This application is in connection with a laneway suite development.

The following background and rationale provided by the applicant:

“Pura Vida Lane”

“The phrase “pura vida” is a Spanish phrase that translates in into “pure life” or “simple life”. When we had our vision for building a laneway home, we envisioned bringing life into our laneway and creating a greater sense of community in our neighbourhood. Laneways are often thought of as dirty, desolate and potentially unsafe areas of the neighbourhood and we are very motivated to change that image. Our laneways hold so much potential for housing, areas of play and can be beautiful spaces in the community with the right effort and attitude. We built a very beautiful building that has brought a new “pure life” to our community and would like a name to reflect that. We also chose a name in Spanish as a way to represent the diversity of language in our city”.

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

Councillor Alejandra Bravo, Ward 9 Davenport, supports this naming.

Community support was demonstrated with a petition of signatures from the 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-2023-008**.

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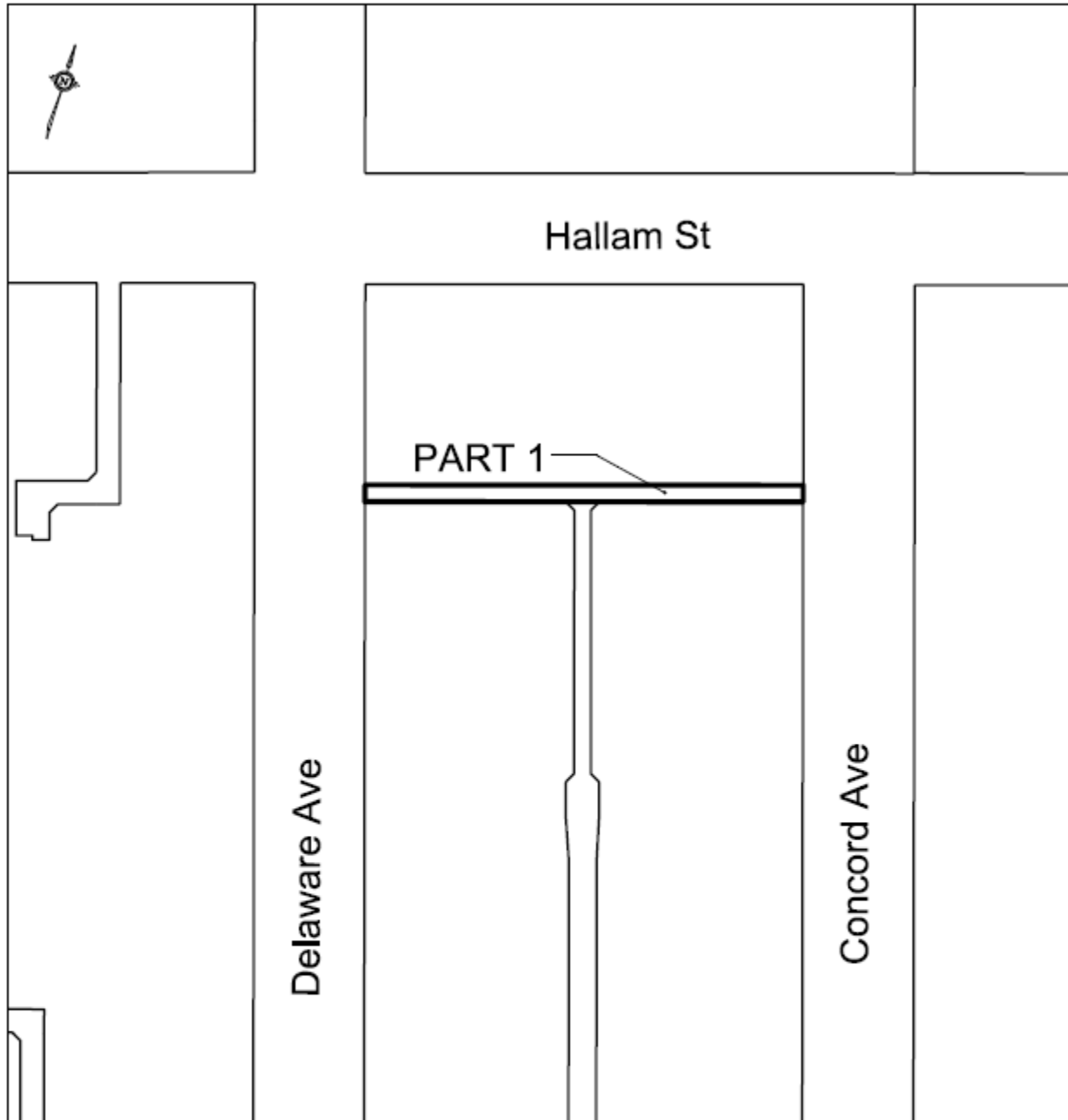
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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment No. 1 Sketch No. **PS-2023-008**

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Showing the location of an existing public lane located south of Hallam Street extending between Delaware Avenue and Concord Avenue.



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PROPERTY INFORMATION SHEET
NAMING OF A PUBLIC LANE SOUTH OF HALLAM
STREET EXTENDING BETWEEN DELAWARE AVENUE
AND CONCORD AVENUE
WARD 9 - DAVENPORT
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