

Naming of an existing Public Lane west of Spadina Avenue, extending between Oxford Street and Nassau Street

Date: May 10, 2024

To: Toronto and East York Community Council

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

Wards: Ward 11 – University-Rosedale

SUMMARY

This report recommends that the name “Chinatown Mural Lane” be approved to identify an existing public lane located west of Spadina Avenue, extending between Oxford Street and Nassau Street.

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 "Chinatown Mural Lane" for an existing public lane located west of Spadina Avenue, extending between Oxford Street and Nassau Street

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 March 25th, 2024, from a local business improvement area (BIA) requesting to name the existing public lane located west of Spadina Avenue, extending between Oxford Street and Nassau Street, as Chinatown Mural Lane, nodding to the local community and murals along the laneway, which honour Chinese painting styles.

The following background and rationale provided by the applicant:

“Chinatown Mural”

“Part of Chinatown Business Improvement Area (CBIA)’s mandate is to promote Chinatown and draw visitors to the area. Two years ago, CBIA commissioned local artists to create Murals depicting scenes from the four greatest Chinese novels along with four symbolic representations of seasonal changes in Chinese painting styles. This effort is part of the program to highlight all the Murals located within CBIA’s boundaries in a pamphlet. We will distribute the pamphlets to Hotels and Tourist Information Centres throughout Ontario to attract visitors to Chinatown. The “Main Street Innovation Fund” has already approved the pamphlet project this year. There are many Murals within this Laneway located between Oxford and Nassau Streets running parallel to Spadina Avenue within the CBIA boundaries. This laneway is currently unnamed, and its pavements are in good condition. CBIA hosted contests to name this laneway during or events from August 2023 onwards. We received over three hundred (300) entries, and the name selected/proposed by over two hundred (200) entries is “Chinatown Mural Lane”. It is evident that people wanted this laneway to be associated with Chinatown Toronto and they want to make this an easily recognizable landmark to visit. It is essential that we give a name to this laneway to give it a fresh start to frame. It will help to promote artistic appreciations, commemorate Chinese heritage, deter graffiti’s, and attract visits from tourists.”

The proposed name has been circulated for comment and is acceptable to Toronto Police Service, Toronto Fire Services, Toronto Paramedic Services, and Councillor Dianne Saxe, Ward 11 University-Rosedale.

Community support was demonstrated with a petition of signatures from abutting property owners, abutting businesses, and 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-2024-009.

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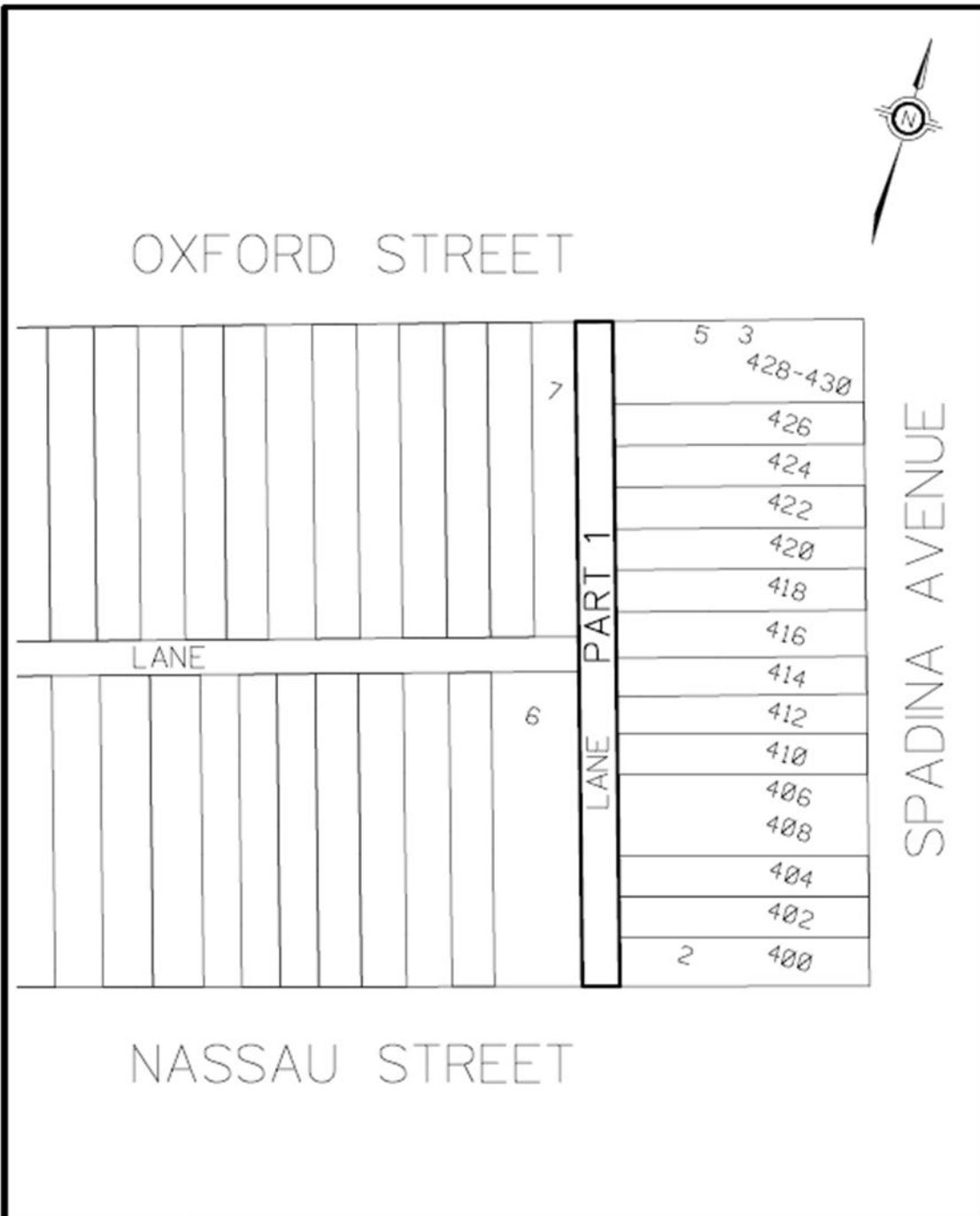
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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment No. 1 Sketch No. PS-2024-009

Attachment No. 1 Sketch No. PS-2024-009
 Showing the location of an existing public lane located west of Spadina Avenue,
 extending between Oxford Street and Nassau Street.



 <p>Toronto <small>ENGINEERING & CONSTRUCTION SERVICES ENGINEERING SUPPORT SERVICES LAND & PROPERTY SURVEYS</small></p>	PROPERTY INFORMATION SHEET	
	NAMING OF A PUBLIC LANE WEST OF SPADINA AVENUE, EXTENDING BETWEEN OXFORD STREET AND NASSAU STREET	
	<p>NOTE: THIS SKETCH HAS BEEN COMPILED FROM OFFICE RECORDS. MEASUREMENTS ARE APPROXIMATE</p>	
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