

Naming of a Public Lane East of Caroline Avenue, Extending Northerly from Eastern Avenue

Date: June 21, 2024

To: Toronto and East York Community Council

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

Wards: Ward 14 - Toronto - Danforth

SUMMARY

This report recommends that the name "Captain Hawley Lane" be approved to identify a public lane located east of Caroline Avenue, extending northerly from Eastern 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 and Construction Services and the General Manager, Economic Development and Culture recommend that Toronto and East York Community Council:

1. Approve the name "Captain Hawley Lane" for a public lane located east of Caroline Avenue, extending northerly from Eastern Avenue

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The cost to install street name signage is approximately \$500 and is included within the Transportation Services Division's Operating Budget.

The Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer has reviewed this report and agrees with the information as presented in the financial impact section.

DECISION HISTORY

At its meeting on July 19, 2022, City Council adopted the City of Toronto Commemorative Framework and approved revisions to the Street Naming Policy. <https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2022.EX34.6>

COMMENTS

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

An application was received on May 13, 2022. The applicant requested to name the public lane located east of Caroline Avenue, extending northerly from Eastern Avenue, as “Captain Hawley Lane” honouring William Hawley, an active community member and retired Toronto Fire Captain with 35 years of service. The concerned lane is shown in Attachment 1.

The applicant provided the following background and rationale:

“Captain Hawley Lane”

“Our father, William Hawley, has lived his entire life in the east end of Toronto, now known as Leslieville...His 35-year career with the Toronto Fire Department was spent in one hall – this is almost unheard of. 3 Grosvenor Street, renamed as Station 314, was our second home growing up. This was the busiest station in North America at one point in his time with the TFD. He proudly retired with the rank of Captain. He also has a personalized licence plate with his old station reflected.

Our father gave his whole professional life to saving others and making communities safe for all. He’s an active member of the Toronto War Veteran’s Association, still participates in local hockey house leagues and is also known as the local landscaper on his street. He also has a commemorative shirt that reads “Legends of Larchmount”.”

Historical Research on Captain William Hawley

William Hawley is a lifelong resident of the Leslieville neighbourhood. He grew up in the neighbourhood and raised his children there. As a recognized member of the community, Mr. Hawley served with the Toronto Fire Services (prior to 1998, the Toronto Fire Department) for 35 years, finishing his career as an Operations Captain at Station 314 on Grosvenor Street.

After six weeks of training in 1972, Mr. Hawley spent three months on a Flying Squad, moving from station to station to round out his training. Mr. Hawley got his first permanent posting at the Toronto Fire Department Station 3 (now Station 314) in 1973. He spent his entire career at the same station, which is rare for Toronto firefighters.

Throughout his career, Mr. Hawley responded to 24,279 calls, all recorded in his logbook. All the calls he recorded helped provide direct emergency and lifesaving services to diverse communities. Mr. Hawley first served as an Acting Captain and was then appointed as Captain on July 22, 1993.

Mr. Hawley's twenty years of service earned him the Governor General of Canada's Fire Services Exemplary Service Medal on May 27, 1993. He was later awarded a Bar to his medal for thirty years of service on August 14, 2003. Mr. Hawley retired on March 31, 2008.

Mr. Hawley is well known in his community and has been involved in his community through many hockey leagues and fast pitch baseball. He joined the Toronto Fire Fighters War Veterans' Association in 1990 and is a member of the Colour Party which processes flags in parades and community events. Mr. Hawley is also a member of Legion 1-42 and was involved with International Association of Fire Fighters and Local 3888.

A 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 Paula Fletcher, Ward 14 - Toronto-Danforth, supports this naming.

Consent was provided by William Hawley, the commemorated party.

Community support was demonstrated with a petition of signatures from the local community.

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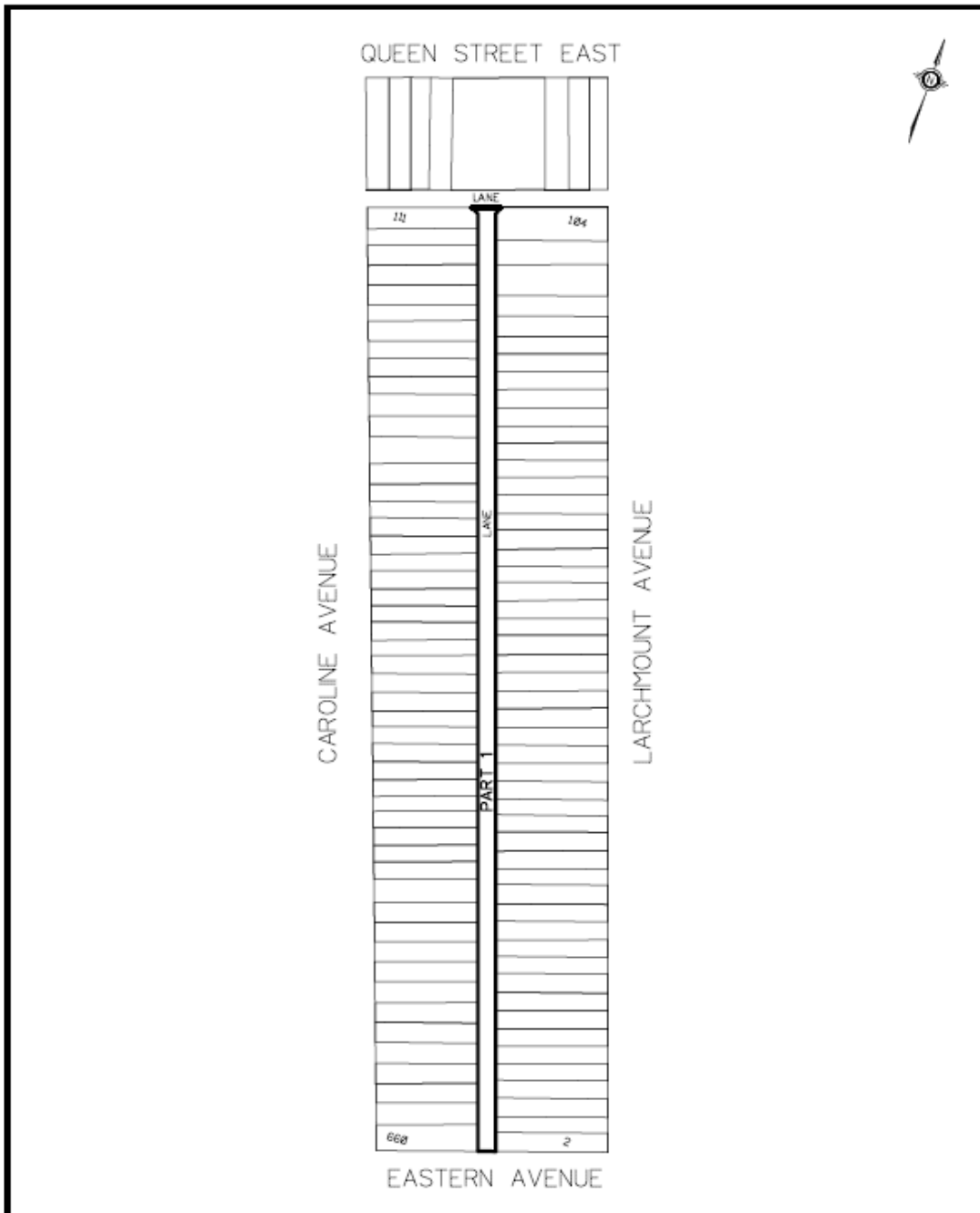
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Patrick Tobin
General Manager, Economic Development & Culture

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 - Sketch No. PS-2024-014, showing the location of a Public Lane east of Caroline Avenue, extending northerly from Eastern Avenue

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	<p>NAMING OF A PUBLIC LANE EAST OF CAROLINE AVENUE EXTENDING NORTHERLY FROM EASTERN AVENUE</p>	
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