

Renaming a section of Eastern Avenue extending westerly from Lawren Harris Square

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To: Toronto and East York Community Council

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

Wards: Ward 13 - Toronto Centre

SUMMARY

This report recommends that the name "Old Foundry Road" be approved to rename a section of Eastern Avenue extending westerly from Lawren Harris Square.

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 "Old Foundry Road" for renaming a section of Eastern Avenue extending westerly from Lawren Harris Square.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The cost to install street name signage is approximately \$600 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 February 28, 2025, from Councillor Moise's office, originally proposed by a resident, to rename a section of Eastern Avenue extending westerly from Lawren Harris Square, as "Old Foundry Road". The renaming of this small section of Eastern Avenue is being requested to improve way finding. The following background and rationale were provided by the applicant:

"Old Foundry Road"

"The proposed name, "Old Foundry Road," honors the Foundry Building located on the site, which will be integrated into the future development. The goal is to pay tribute to the historic foundry and the lasting legacy it has created."

The decision to rename a portion of Eastern Avenue to Old Foundry Road was driven by the need to eliminate confusion caused by its proximity to the Eastern Avenue overpass diversion. This change not only clarifies navigation but also honours the historical significance of the Dominion Wheel and Foundries Company building in the West Don Lands. This landmark, consisting of four buildings, is crucial to the area's industrial heritage. As the West Don Lands undergoes rapid transformation, balancing heritage preservation, housing affordability, and development remains a central challenge. With the de-industrialization of this neighbourhood occurring in the 20th century, we hope the street name serves as a reminder to 21st-century residents that there is beauty in the old, despite inevitable change".

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

Councillor Chris Moise, Ward 13 Toronto Centre, supports this naming.

There are four sites municipally addressed from this section of Eastern Avenue. Three of the four sites are owned privately, with the 4th one owned by the City of Toronto, under Parks jurisdiction. This renaming proposal has the support of all property owners abutting the renamed section. In addition, this renaming has received a significant amount of general community support as demonstrated on the project page, [TorontoCentreProjects.ca](https://torontocentreprojects.ca)

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-2025-11**.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment No. 1 Sketch No. **PS-2025-11**

Attachment No. 1 Sketch No. PS-2025-11, showing the location of Eastern Avenue extending westerly from Lawren Harris Square.

