

MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE

Referral of Urgent Laneway Re-naming to the Toronto and East York Community Council: Public Lane South of St. Clair Avenue West

Moved by: Councillor Matlow _____

Seconded by: Councillor Colle _____

SUMMARY:

This motion recommends that the Toronto and East York Community Council, at its July 8 and 9, 2026 meeting, consider renaming the existing public lane located south of St. Clair Avenue West, extending southerly from Ellsworth Avenue as "Aren Levy Lane", honouring a local resident in the community.

For over 30 years, Aren Levy owned and operated Levy's, a family clothing store at 541 St. Clair West. From the early 1970s until the late 2000s, the store was an anchor of the St. Clair West community. At its height, the business expanded to three locations, even being featured on Eye on Toronto and frequently cited in the media as a formidable competitor to major retailers such as Winners and The Bay.

This specific lane is deeply tied to the store's history, as it was the primary access point Aren Levy used for three decades to manage shipments.

Consent was provided by the son of the named party. Community support was demonstrated with a petition of signatures from the local community.

Reason for Urgency:

This motion is time sensitive and urgent as the submission deadline for the Toronto East York Community Council- Meeting 33 has passed. This will be the last opportunity for the 2022-2026 term of Council to move laneway renamings.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. City Council refer this item to the July 8 and 9, 2026 meeting of Toronto and East York Community Council and;
 - a. request the Director, Engineering Support Services, Engineering and Construction Services, and the General Manager, Economic Development and Culture to submit a staff report to the July 8 and 9, 2026 meeting of Toronto and East York Community Council with recommendations to rename the existing public lane located south of St. Clair Avenue West, extending southerly from Ellsworth Avenue as "Aren Levy Lane"
 - b. request the City Clerk to give notice in accordance with Municipal Code Chapter 162, Public Notice

June 24th, 2026