

14 February 2026

**Toronto and East York Community Council**

Councillor Chris Moise, Chair

Subject: TE29.2 - Naming of a Proposed Public Street for a Development at 215 Lake Shore Boulevard East

The East Waterfront Community Association includes the municipal area of East Bayfront, bounded south by the Waterfront just south of Queens Quay E., on the west by Yonge Street, on the North by Lake Shore Blvd East, and Cherry Street on the east.

The East Waterfront Community Association is honoured to endorse the naming of a new street in our neighbourhood as Chloe Cooley Street. Chloe Cooley was an enslaved Black woman whose bold resistance in March 1793 against being sold across the Niagara River became the spark for Canada's first anti-slavery legislation. Her actions moved Lieutenant Governor John Graves Simcoe to push for the Act to Limit Slavery in Upper Canada – a landmark step in restricting enslavement and advancing freedom.

Chloe Cooley's courage is now recognized nationally; in 2022, she was named a person of national historic significance by the Government of Canada. Naming this street after Chloe Cooley tells an essential chapter of our Canadian story and helps every resident and visitor understand the role Black Canadians played in shaping our society. This aligns closely with the recent naming of Downes Street (honouring Arthur Downes, a Black leader for equity and inclusion) and John M Tinsley Street (a Black business leader who uplifted his community). Together, these names create a waterfront that reflects diversity, resilience, and progress.

We fully support the staff report of January 30, 2026 to rename the street as Chloe Cooley Street as a lasting symbol of hope, justice, and unity in our community.

Sincerely,



**Michael Bethke, President**  
**East Waterfront Community Association**