

**Laneway Housing Advisors**  
**#1801-1 Yonge Street**  
**Toronto, ON M5E 1W7**



April 15, 2023

This letter will confirm that the property located at 451 Lansdowne Avenue in Toronto qualifies for a laneway house build in the rear portion of the lot, under Toronto's "Changing Lanes" program.

**I visited the property on April 14, 2023** and confirmed zoning, siting, emergency access and other appropriate qualifications to certify its eligibility.

The maximum size of a permitted as of right build appears to be approximately 1,570 square feet (over two floors - main and upper), with the ability to include an optional car garage on the main floor, with vehicle entry off the laneway. This is very close to the size of each of the pair of laneway houses currently under construction at 447 and 449 Lansdowne Avenue. While the proponent there has chosen to build the laneway houses with no internal car parking, there are options for both internal and external car parking at 451 Lansdowne Avenue.

A basement is also possible here, adding to the square footage above, but in most cases the floor plate of the basement will be significantly smaller than the ground floor and upper floors, the space cannot usually contain bedrooms or a bathroom or a kitchen, and the cost of basement construction can be significant.

The relatively new (2018) Changing Lanes program from the City of Toronto allows qualifying property owners to construct a laneway house "as of right" on their property, with simple building permit application and no political approval or committee of adjustment approval required. No variances are required and no appeals or "neighbour vetoes" are permitted. The city also waives development cost charges.

Should you have any questions about 451 Lansdowne Avenue in particular, or the Changing Lanes program in general, please feel free to contact me any time, or visit our website.

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