

Subject: Re: Fwd: followup to our July 2 meeting

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Date: 07/17/2025, 8:32 a.m.

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Hi Bill,

Thanks for taking the time to meet with us. All of the below questions were asked and adequately answered during our meeting. We're moving on.

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Date: Tuesday, July 15, 2025 at 9:32 PM

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Subject: [External Sender] Fwd: followup to our July 2 meeting

Councillor Moise: following up on my email to you dated July 4, we still have un-answered questions "about your process leading up to your City Council motion on May 22, 2025 to rename the Sumach-Shuter Parkette"

Please advise when you will respond to the questions listed below. Thanks for your help.

Begin forwarded message:

From: Bill Eadie <bill@unbeldi.com>

Subject: followup to our July 2 meeting

Date: July 4, 2025 at 11:00:50 AM EDT

To: Councillor Moise <Councillor_Moise@toronto.ca>, Chris Moise <chris@chrismoise.ca>

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Councillor Moise, we understood that our meeting on July 2 was to be an opportunity to ask you about the process leading up to your City Council motion on May 22, 2025 to rename the Sumach-Shuter Parkette. We were surprised to find that 6 representatives from Mothers of Peace (MOP) attended this meeting; we were not advised they had been invited to our meeting. You chaired the meeting, yet there was no agenda to give the meeting any structure. Because of MOP presence at this meeting, unfortunately much time was spent in adversarial debates between our group and MOP, and we didn't have the opportunity to ask you all of our questions.

Attached below are our notes from this meeting which we feel accurately reflects what transpired. Please advise of any corrections to our meeting notes. In summary, we were very surprised and disappointed; that meeting was not productive and didn't answer our questions.

Since we were not able to ask you all of our questions when we met, we are submitting questions to you in writing, and would appreciate a timely written response from you to each question, within 7 days if possible.

1. why were we not informed in advance that MOP would also be attending our July 2 meeting?
2. when your office was first approached by MOP, did they request to rename the "big park" which is within Regent Park ?
3. was MOP's request to rename the "big park" discouraged by your office? If yes, for what reasons?
4. was it your office or MOP who initially suggested that Sumach-Shuter Parkette be renamed?
5. at the July 2 meeting, we were surprised when you stated that 3 different parks were considered for renaming, and that Sumach-Shuter Parkette was chosen "at random". Please explain how this "random" process worked.
6. Regent Park (RP) is the 69 acre site owned by the City of Toronto. Are you aware that the southern boundary of RP is Shuter St?
7. When evaluating MOP's renaming request, did it seem reasonable to you that this group from RP requested to rename the Sumach-Shuter Parkette, which is located outside of the RB boundary?
8. MOP is one group within RP, but they do not represent all RP residents. How did your office make the renters and condo owners in non-THHC (Toronto Community Housing) buildings in RP, aware of this renaming proposal?
9. The idea to rename the park ("Renaming of Sumach-Shuter Parkette to Louis March

Parkette") was posted on your "Toronto Centre Projects" website in Feb 2025. Besides that website posting, what other communication or public meetings were done by your office to advise, engage and consult with Trefann Court and Corktown residents about of this proposed park renaming?

10. Please provide list of dates/locations when and where these communications and meetings occurred to consult with Trefann Court and Corktown residents.

11. Were there any signs posted at the Sumach-Shuter Parkette to inform the local community about a planned renaming ?

12. What features of the "Toronto Centre Projects" website allow local residents to record their disagreement with a proposed idea that was posted? Specifically, how could persons use that project website to document that they were not supportive of the proposal to rename the Sumach-Shuter Parkette ?

13. Was the proposed park renaming mentioned in any of your monthly email newsletters, during the period Feb - May 2025 ?

14. Which aspects of the city's "Property Naming Policy" and "Guiding Principles for Commemoration" were followed when your office evaluated the MOP park renaming proposal ?

15. Did your office conduct thorough historical and/or community-based research, and meaningful engagement with the Trefann Court neighbourhood where the park is located, before deciding whether the name proposed by MOP for commemoration, was the most appropriate name for that park? If yes, please share with us details of your research and community engagement.

16. Why did your renaming motion not go to Community Council ? Why was this renaming motion considered so urgent ?

17. City policy says "The City will not consider commemorative naming proposals that would ... refer ... to someone who has died within the last two (2) years, except under special circumstances." What were the special circumstances to justify this urgent renaming?

18. When was the MOP's change.org petition submitted to the City Clerk ?

19. Over 1100 persons, including many local residents, have signed our petition, requesting "City Council pause the decision to rename the park, until such time as a fuller community consultation is completed". How can you help make that happen?

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Debra, Anne-Marie, Shana and Bill met with Councillor Moise on July 2  
FYI, our notes from that meeting

Councillor Moise agreed to meet with us on July 2; we understood the purpose was to hear his explanation why the Sumach-Shuter park was chosen for renaming, and why he did no consultation with the local community prior to renaming. Unbeknownst to us, Moise invited 5-6 representatives from Mothers of Peace (MOP) to this same meeting, and arguing between

us and MOP took up much of the meeting. Sureya Ibrahim (MOP) suggested that opposition to the renaming of the park was because Louis March was black.

Moise claimed to have no knowledge of Trefann Court history until very recently; he brought along a wikipedia printout about Trefann to the meeting. Moise indicated that MOP considered 3 parks for renaming: Riverdale, Regent Park, and Sumach-Shuter Parkette (SSP) and stated the latter park was chosen "at random".

We stated that there was extensive public consultation of the local community when preparing the 2015 Corktown Parks Master Plan; posted signs and flyers were used to ensure local consultation in 2021 when SSP redesign was prepared; no explanation from Moise why there was no local consultation prior to renaming SSP. No good explanation from Moise why Community Council was bypassed. A MOP person indicated they stood outside SSP park as an effort to engage the local community. Moise questioned whose petition had more "local" names. The park has been called Sumach-Shuter park for 60 years, but it was suggested that was just a "placeholder" name. Moise stated that he hasn't had influence in the renaming process. Apparently he assumed, without conducting any further consultation, that the MOP petition represented the entire community. Moise claimed that he followed some aspects of the Property Naming Policy, which we dispute.

Moise claimed that after the vote, Bradford said that he voted "against", by accident. Moise said he will not re-open issue at city council. Moise offered to post a plaque about Trefann Court history. MOP hoped that we would be friendly and attend the July 20 park christening.

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