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Date: June 4, 2025 at 15:05:56 EDT
To: Sarah
Cc: Mayor Chow <Mayor_Chow@toronto.ca>, Yussuf Hussein <Yussuf.Hussein@toronto.ca>
Subject: Re: Trefann Court is NOT Regent Park! Park Renaming Issue

Hi Sarah,

Thank you for sharing your concerns regarding the proposed renaming of Sumach-Shuter Parkette to Louis March Park. Your long-standing connection to the neighbourhood and thoughtful feedback is appreciated.

Following the sudden passing of **Louis March**, a widely respected advocate for youth, equity, and public safety in July 2024, there was an outpouring of support from across the city to recognize his legacy. Louis founded the **Zero Gun Violence Movement** and worked with countless families, young people, and grassroots organizations to address the root causes of violence, particularly in historically underserved neighbourhoods like Regent Park.

The following year of his passing, a **community-led petition circulated both online and in-person received strong support** from residents, youth leaders, advocacy groups, and organizations. Based on this clear and heartfelt demand for recognition, the renaming proposal was introduced as a **Member Motion to the City Council** to honour this grassroots call for action.

While the Member Motion route allows the City Council to recognize individuals in exceptional circumstances, we recognize that some nearby residents may not have been aware of or engaged in the process. The City of Toronto's naming policy generally requires a two-year waiting period after a person's passing before renaming city spaces. However, Toronto City Council can waive this waiting period through a Members Motion if there is strong community support and a clear public interest. This approach is not unprecedented; the City of Toronto has used the Member Motion process to rename parks and facilities under similar circumstances.

We also acknowledge the **history of Trefann Court** and the role of residents in preserving this land for community use during the urban renewal battles of the 1960s. That legacy must also be honoured. In response to the feedback received, we are exploring the installation of a **commemorative plaque** to formally recognize the historical significance of the neighbourhood and the creation of this parkette.

This name change is not meant to erase or replace local history but to build upon it, combining the legacy of past community activism with a tribute to a citywide leader whose life work was rooted in justice, safety, and opportunity for all.

Your comments will be shared with Councillor Moise and City staff as part of our

continued efforts to engage meaningfully with the community.

Warm regards,

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From: Sarah

Date: Tuesday, June 3, 2025 at 1:55 PM

To: Councillor Moise <Councillor_Moise@toronto.ca>

Cc: Mayor Chow <Mayor_Chow@toronto.ca>

Subject: [External Sender] Trefann Court is NOT Regent Park! Park Renaming Issue

Hi,

I'd like to express my dismay and concern about the Sumach/Shuter Parkette renaming. I am a resident of Trefann court and this was not brought to my attention prior.

While I understand Mr. Louis should be honoured in Toronto for his anti-gun work, the lack of consultation on this project is insulting to the residents of Trefann Court who fought to keep our neighbourhood decades ago. TC was intended to be destroyed and made into Regent Park and frankly the fact that THIS DIDN'T HAPPEN should be honoured in our only park.

To name this park after something about Regent Park - which the residents

fought to avoid in principle decades ago is completing insulting.

Regent Park has tons of parks, tons of new investments and more parks coming (up by Gerrard St) — Trefann Court doesn't and this renaming with no consultation is disrespectful to its history and the residents who fought to keep Trefann Court the way it is today.

Shame on you and re-open the lens of consultation Chris.

Sarah