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Subject: URGENT citizen comment on Item - 2025.MM30.20 (May 21-23 Council meeting)
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For some unknown reason, this item is going directly to City Council, without first being considered by Toronto and East York Community Council. Please forward this email to all Toronto City Councillors, prior to May 21 meeting.

I understand that Councillor Moise is recommending that Sumach-Shuter Parkette be renamed to Louis March Park. I have several concerns:

- Councillor Moise has a few email newsletters for his constituents which I closely read. To date, there is no mention in any of his emails about this planned renaming
- I don't believe this park renaming has been discussed yet at Toronto and East York Community Council, which would have given the public an opportunity to depute and express their opinion on the proposal. That would have been a more open and transparent process for Toronto city councillors to follow.
- It's important that renaming public assets be carefully considered, and not rushed. There is an established City of Toronto Property Naming Policy to guide this process; the councillor's motion does not give any reasons why the city's official naming policy not being followed. I don't think the 6 guiding principles in the city's renaming policy have been met in this case.
- this Sumach-Shuter Parkette is within the neighbourhood known as Trefann Court, which is separate from Regent Park. There has been no consultation with persons living in Trefann Court about this planned renaming. There is a different park which is within the boundaries of Regent Park; that other park might be more appropriate for renaming, if one wants to honour a citizen who was active in that area

In the 1940s, a factory was located on that site of what is now the Sumach-Shuter Parkette. In the 1960s, the city wanted to zone the area bounded by Sackville, Shuter, River and Queen St for industrial use, but the Trefann Court neighbourhood fought back, as persons familiar with the Trefann Court urban renewal will know. Those Trefann Court activists are the ones responsible for this site being converted to a park.

City policy says that names should be informed by historical research. If this park is to be renamed, it should reflect the history of Trefann Court.

thanks for your consideration

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ref: <https://www.toronto.ca/business-economy/partnerships-sponsorships-donations/partner-2/partnership-guidelines-policies/city-of-toronto-property-naming-policy/>