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Good morning Mayor Chow, Councillor **Moise**, Councillor **Fletcher** and **Yussuf**, thanks for that information on the proposed renaming of Shuter St. park.

I understand that the City of Toronto has a **Property Naming Policy** which is normally followed (unless there is a documented reason for ignoring that policy). Two of that policy's principles are:

- be informed by historical research, traditional knowledge, and community insights
- be supported by communities through meaningful engagement

This park is located outside of the bounds of **Regent Park**; **the Shuter st. park is within a neighborhood known as Trefann Court (immediately south of Shuter St)**. The *Trefann Court neighbourhood association* was formed in the 1960s to fight the city's attempt to bulldoze the area in the 1960s, so there is a lot of history in **Trefann Court**. The Shuter-Sumach park is well used by **Trefann Court and Corktown neighbourhoods**.

Please share with me the "**historical research**" conducted by the city, to research other possible names that were considered for this park. Also, I would like to understand what "**meaningful engagement**" was conducted by the city, to gather "**community insights**" from **Trefann Court and Corktown residents concerning this renaming**.

For example, a young girl (Lizzie Tomlinson, aged 6) who lived in Trefann, was lured from that very park in 1980, then raped and killed. **The Lizzie Tomlinson Memorial Park is one name that should be considered; it has a very direct connection to this park.**

My understanding of City of Toronto's Property Naming Policy:

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

Looking forward to your reply

Sincerely **Jim Stoner**

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