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Dear Mayor Chow,

I'm writing to express my distress at the process or the lack thereof, followed by Councillor Moise in rushing through the renaming of the our local Shuter-Sumach park.

I'm the owner and resident of 112 Sumach Street for the last 18 years which is directly opposite the Sumach-Shuter park under renovation, now for over a year.

Councillor Moise stated in his motion MM30.20 to the City Council that despite the provisions of the City of Toronto Property Naming Policy, the Council approve the renaming of the parkette, which the Council did on May 21, 2025.

This blatant disregard for appropriately engaging residents and allowing us to have a say on the matter is extremely troubling. As I've stated in my previous communication to the Councillor Moise and the City Clerk (attached below), there was absolutely no consultation on the matter. The park has been closed for over a year, and none of the residents adjacent to the park had even heard that such a renaming effort was underway. The way the renaming was rushed through suggests Councillor Moise is clearly not interested in the residents' opinion and prefers to follow his own agenda. Contrast that to when Kristyn Wong-Tam was the Councillor, and the park renovation was being considered. We were given ample opportunity to provide input. Not just on the park but any other local initiative.

I'd like to impress upon you that my complaint is not on a specific name but the process followed to arrive at the name. As you will hear from several other residents, the history of the area has been completely overlooked with no input from long term residents.

Hence, I urge you as the Mayor to reopen the consultation before this opportunity is lost forever.

Sincerely,

Pinoo Bindhani

CC: Members of Council

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Date: May 20, 2025

To Councilor Moise, The City Clerk;

I've lived directly opposite the parkette under renovation currently, and cannot wait for the parkette to be opened so that we can enjoy the warm weather. I've lived here since 2007.

With regards to the renaming of the Sumach- Shuter Parkette, I find it quite presumptuous that MM30.20 states, *"this renaming has strong support, including an in-person and widely shared online petition. Residents, community leaders and local organizations have all voiced their enthusiasm for honoring Louis March in this way."*

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To date I have not seen any communication from the City, Councilor, volunteers or any of the proponents of the name change; either online, via e-mail, flyer, or any other form of communication.

My opposition is to the fact that the Councilor wants to go ahead with a name change without respecting due process of conducting community consultations. Those of us who are active in the community would've at least heard of the proposal before it got this far, if there had been an attempt made to garner support for such a name change.

I strongly urge the Council members to take into account that renaming consultations have not been as wide as purported to be, and that the "strong support" is quite misleading in this case.

Sincerely,

Pino Bindhani