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Renaming of Sumach-Shuter Parkette to Louis March Parkette

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Louis March, founder of the Zero Gun Violence Movement was an iconic, dedicated advocate who believed that everyone, regardless of postal code had a right to live in a community free of violence.

Louis advocated for the root causes of youth violence to be addressed and adequately funded to allow youth in all communities across the City of Toronto to have viable opportunities that promote growth and success.

Louis worked with various organizations, in all communities of Toronto, but spent a significant amount of time in the Regent Park community due to the stigma and the increased numbers of shooting instances and homicides.

It is due to Louis' tireless work and love for Regent Park that we are requesting the City of Toronto to rename Shuter-Sumach Parkette to Louis March Parkette, to honour our beloved friend Louis March, who passed away July 20, 2024.

Please join us in our request to honor Louis March, honour a man that has positively impacted communities who have suffered the trauma of community violence and encouraged us to unify in an effort to achieve zero violence in the City of Toronto

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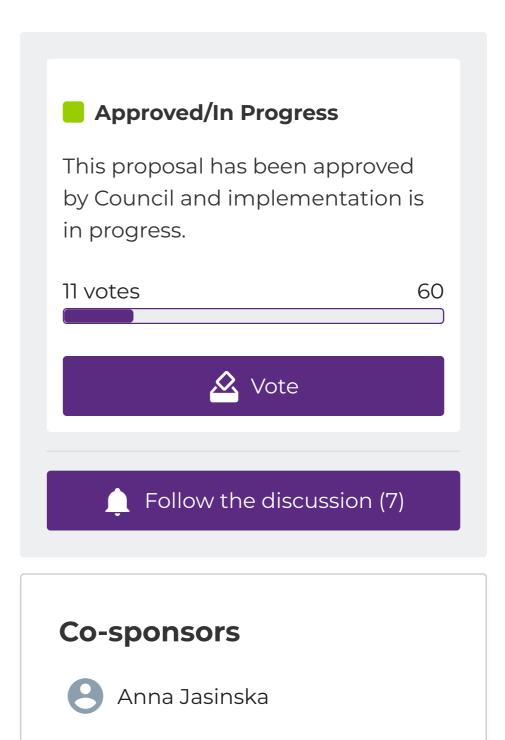
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This proposal has exceeded the threashold with 11 online votes and 63 signatures on a hard copy petition.

There is also an online petition of over 800 signatures (https://www.change.org/p/renaming-of-sumach-shuter-parkette-tolouis-march-parkette); although the addresses are unable to be verified as Toronto Centre residents.

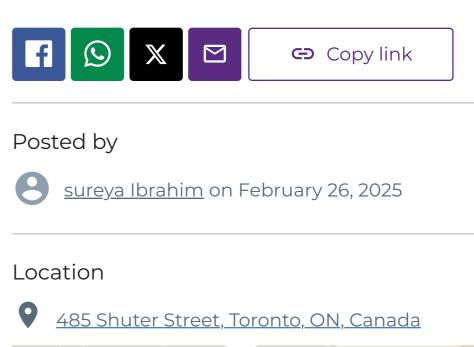
Given the strong interest amongst local community leaders in Regent Park and the surrounding community, I have submitted a motion to City Council to rename the park to Louis March Park. You can view and submit comments to Council on the motion here: https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2025.MM30.20

Councillor Chris Moise



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Dave Bottoms 1 week ago

When I clicked "Vote" instead of getting an option to vote NO, it only registered my vote. I assume this means if anyone clicks "Vote" they'll be voting YES to the name change. How do I vote NO to this? Thank you. Also, why is this being done without any consultation with Regent Parkers. I only heard of it through the grapevine. Everyone I've spoken to is royally pee'd off. It's Dundas Square all over again.



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Bill Eadie 3 months ago

In the 1940s, a factory was located on that site. In the 1960s, the city wanted to zone the area bounded by Sackville, Shuter, River and Queen industrial use, but the neighbourhood fought back, as anyone familiar with the Trefann Court urban renewal will know. Those activists are responsible for the site being converted to a park. see http://www.trefan- n.org/2008/02/05/trefann-court-history/

city policy says that names should be informed by historical research. If the park is to be renamed, it should reflect the history of Trefann Court. https://www.toronto.ca/business-economy/partnerships-sponsorships-donations/partner-2/partnership-quidelines-policies/city-of-toronto-propertynaming-policy/





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Naomie Kija 3 months ago N/A



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