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To the City Clerk:

Please add my comments to the agenda for the May 21, 2025, City Council meeting on item 2025.MM30.20, Renaming Sumach-Shuter Parkette to Louis March Park - by Councillor Chris Moise, seconded by Councillor Paula Fletcher and publish my letter.

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Comments:

Dear Councillors,

It appears your colleagues Councillors Moise and Fletcher may have forgotten the importance of public consultation in the framework of a democratic society. There were many lessons from the ill-informed Dundas Square renaming, so it is high time to remind both councillors that when one embarks on the delicate endeavour of renaming spaces, places, landmarks, streets, and other civic-owned assets the public must be engaged.

Furthermore, there are those with deep familial and community ties to the names Sumach and Shuter and their concerns, thoughts, and feelings must be evaluated in the context of any renaming. They must be given a voice.

With respect to this particular motion, the appropriate and correct thing to do is refer it to Toronto and East York Community Council so that it can undergo the vetting process it rightfully deserves.

Sincerely,

--Daniel Tate

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