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Council,

While I appreciate the idea to consult indigenous members of the public with regards to the renaming of the proposed East Bayfront Community Centre, I believe it is imperative that the city engage the wider public about renaming options for this most important new community hub. As we have learned in the past, when major institutions, landmarks or streets are named (or renamed) without robust and diverse public consultation it creates a pattern of distrust in our city officials – and creates the perception that namings are done in a vacuum. This sends the wrong message.

I urge City Council to learn from mistakes past, and engage the wider public, and especially the residents who will be users of this community centre to participate in the naming. There is a golden opportunity to pay homage and respect to legendary Torontonians who contributed to the fabric of this city, so let's seize the opportunity.

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Thank you,

--Daniel Tate