

# **Political Aspects of Alleged Tamil Genocide Ontario Bill 104**

Tamil LTTE Terrorists propaganda  
New recruitment strategies

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# Alleged Tamil Genocide

- No Tamil Genocide – No legal Basis
- Armed Conflict between Tamil Terrorist Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam and Government of Sri Lanka
- Legal classification under International Humanitarian Law  
Non International Armed Conflict.
- Armed Conflict ended May 18, 2009 after killing ruthless Terrorist Leader Velupilli Prabhakaren in combat at *Mullivaikkal*.

# Need to address questions?

- **Alleged Tamil Genocide**
  - Is there any connection to Tamil LTTE terrorist Propaganda?
  - Why some Politicians are supporting alleged Tamil Genocide?

# Who are the Politicians behind Alleged Tamil Genocide?

**Gary Anandasangaree**

May 18, 2014

**“Mathagal Kannan”**

Book Launch Prabhakaran



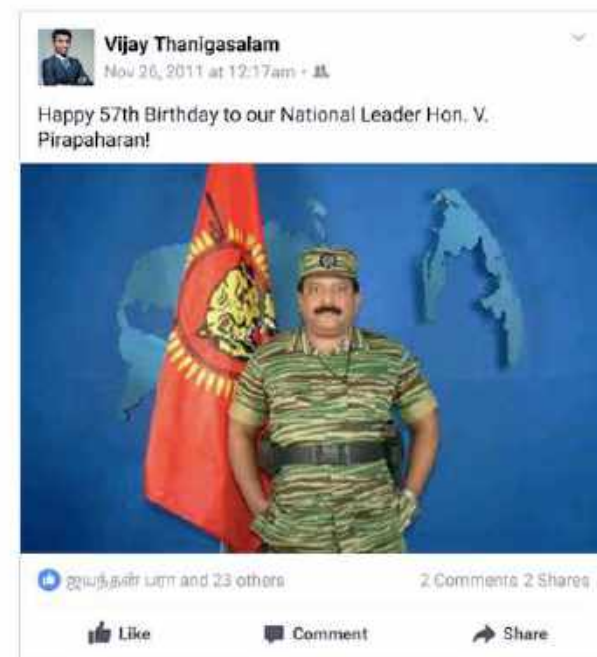
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**Vijay Thanigasam**

Bill 104, May 18, every year

**To commerate**

Death of Leader Prabhakaran



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**Nehru Gunaratnam Behind Adele Balasingham, Photo released by LTTE, committee consisting of Tamil Diaspora representatives**



**Patrick Brown, Brampton Mayor with Nehru Gunaratnam on October 28, 2013**



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**Wigneshwaran sent Thanking letter to letter and Tory  
Tory at ceremony of Death Tiger Terrorists in Sri Lanka**

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- Thanking Letter from
- C.V.Wigneswaran, Former Chief Minister, Northern Province
- of Sri Lanka - Proclamation declares May 18th 2019 as Tamil Genocide Remembrance Day
  - in the City of Toronto - [Letter](#) (09)
  - In the City of Brampton [Letter](#) (10)

## Wendy Liu

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**From:** Mayor Tory  
**Sent:** May-07-19 12:58 PM  
**To:** Luke Robertson; Vince Gasparro; Don Peat  
**Cc:** Dee Dee Heywood; Kema Joseph  
**Subject:** FW: A letter from - Justice C.V.Wigneswaran, Former Chief Minister, Northern Province of Sri Lanka - Proclamation declares May 18th 2019 as Tamil Genocide Remembrance Day in the City of Toronto  
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Please see below email form the former Chief Minister in Sri Lanka.

He has met the Mayor in Sri Lanka and is writing to commend the proclamation we have issued.

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**From:** cvw office [mailto:cvwoffice18@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** May 7, 2019 7:37 AM  
**To:** Mayor Tory  
**Subject:** A letter from - Justice C.V.Wigneswaran, Former Chief Minister, Northern Province of Sri Lanka - Proclamation declares May 18th 2019 as Tamil Genocide Remembrance Day in the City of Toronto

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Thank you

Yours Sincerely

Admin Officer

Justice C.V.Wigneswaran's Office

Jaffna

Sri Lanka



Justice C.V.Wigneswaran  
Founder & Secretary General, Tamizh Makkal Kootanii  
Former Chief Minister, Northern Province  
No.232, Temple Road, Jaffna

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TP - 0212214295

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06.05.2019

Hon' Mayor John Tory  
Toronto City Council  
Ontario, Canada.

My dear Mayor John Tory,

I have fond memories of our joint visit to Mullivaikal when your Worship was last here. It is with great happiness I note your follow up action regarding the Human Rights' violations that took place in Sri Lanka.

The Proclamation passed by the Toronto City Council of which you are the Mayor needs to be commended unreservedly. Proclamation declares May 18<sup>th</sup> 2019 as Tamil Genocide Remembrance Day in the City of Toronto.

This month of May marks the tenth anniversary of the final days of the armed conflict. The recent Easter bombings have again made innocent and peaceful Christian Tamils victims of violence. Like the Tamil people, members of Sri Lanka's Muslim community have also been the target of state-sanctioned communal violence in the past. Post Easter the Muslims should not collectively be punished for the misguided actions of a few.

United Nations' Member States, as international observers of this urgent situation, should act to rectify the structural problems that are at the heart of Sri Lanka's instability. Whether at the International Criminal Court or at an *ad hoc* International Criminal Tribunal, States should sponsor prosecutions for the war crimes committed, crimes against humanity and genocide committed against the Tamil people during the armed conflict. I hope your commendable act would prompt them to do so.

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The Proclamation by Toronto City Council of which your good self is again the Mayor should be a beacon unto other Councils of like nature both in Canada and elsewhere to prompt them to pass such Resolutions in order to bring awareness among the UN Member States.

It is my fervent hope that closer collaboration between the Northern Province in Sri Lanka and Toronto City Council is maintained in the future too for the mutual benefit of both parties.  
Thanks

Kind regards

Sincerely



**Justice C.V. Wigneswaran**  
Secretary General  
Tamizh Makkal Kootanii  
Co-Chairman, Tamil Makkal Peravai  
Former Chief Minister  
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**Hutchinson, Olga**

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**Sent:** 2019/05/07 7:30 AM  
**To:** MayorBrown  
**Subject:** A letter from - Justice C.V.Wigneswaran, Former Chief Minister, Northern Province of Sri Lanka - Resolution passed by the City of Brampton to commemorate May 18th as Tamil Genocide Remembering Day  
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Hon' Mayor Patrick Brown  
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Brampton, Ontario,  
Canada.

Your Worship!

It is with much happiness I welcome the Resolution passed by the City of Brampton to commemorate May 18<sup>th</sup> as Tamil Genocide Remembering Day. I extend my sincere thanks to your good self and to the Brampton City Council for taking this firm stand to defend the Human Rights of the Tamil People in Sri Lanka.

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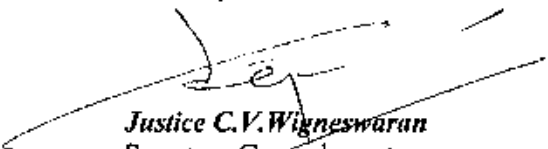
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When I met your predecessor on my visit to Brampton we had toyed with the idea of Brampton maintaining a Sister City relationship with one of our Districts. It did not then work. Hope our people do have a chance of reviving the request to ensure closer relationship between your Council and our Province.

Thank you

Sincerely



**Justice C.V. Wigneswaran**

Secretary General

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# Connecting LTTE propaganda with Alleged Genocide cont..

John Tory Office → [Abinaya Chandrabalan](#) (3)

Patrick Brown Office → Babu Nagalingam – [Chief of Staff\(2\)](#)

Mayor's Office

Tamil Memorial Foundation requests to Both Municipalities  
Proclaim Tami Genocide Memorial Day. Toronto [Letter](#)(1)  
Brampton [Letter](#) (8)

## Wendy Liu

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**From:** Lawvin Hadisi  
**Sent:** April-12-19 10:24 AM  
**To:** Abinaya Chandrabalan; Don Peat  
**Cc:** Kema Joseph  
**Subject:** Re: 10th Annual Tamil Memorial Day - Request for Proclamation and Message

We need to discuss this.

Abi – let's connect Monday morning.

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**From:** Abinaya Chandrabalan  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2019 at 4:45 PM  
**To:** Lawvin Hadisi , Don Peat  
**Cc:** Kema Joseph  
**Subject:** FW: 10th Annual Tamil Memorial Day - Request for Proclamation and Message

Hi all,

I wanted to flag the below request for a proclamation.

This May 18 will be the 10<sup>th</sup> annual Tamil memorial day. Previously I believe the Mayor has proclaimed it—  
Don, can you confirm?

MP Gary reached out to me yesterday and requested if the Mayor could pass a motion in Council on it.

Please advise how to respond.

AC

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**From:** Kema Joseph  
**Sent:** April 8, 2019 3:01 PM  
**To:** Abinaya Chandrabalan  
**Subject:** FW: 10th Annual Tamil Memorial Day - Request for Proclamation and Message

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**From:** Mayor Tory <[Mayor\\_Tory@toronto.ca](mailto:Mayor_Tory@toronto.ca)>  
**Date:** Monday, April 1, 2019 at 8:54 AM  
**To:** Abinaya Chandrabalan <[achandr2@toronto.ca](mailto:achandr2@toronto.ca)>, Kema Joseph <[Kema.Joseph@toronto.ca](mailto:Kema.Joseph@toronto.ca)>  
**Subject:** FW: 10th Annual Tamil Memorial Day - Request for Proclamation and Message

FYI, sent link

Cindy

**Hutchinson, Olga**

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**From:** Nagalingam, Babu  
**Sent:** 2019/05/07 12:03 PM  
**To:** Bradshaw, Frances  
**Subject:** RE: Urgent request for a meeting with Mayor Patrick Brown

Ignore.

Babu Nagalingam B.A *Math*  
Chief of Staff, Mayor's Office  
City of Brampton  
2 Wellington Street West, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor  
(W)905-874-7002 (C)416-268-8374  
[Babu.Nagalingam@brampton.ca](mailto: Babu.Nagalingam@brampton.ca)

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**From:** Bradshaw, Frances <Frances.Bradshaw@brampton.ca>  
**Sent:** 2019/05/07 10:23 AM  
**To:** Nagalingam, Babu <Babu.Nagalingam@brampton.ca>  
**Subject:** FW: Urgent request for a meeting with Mayor Patrick Brown

Please see below and advise

Frances

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**From:** Toronto SLSA <[torontoslsa@gmail.com](mailto:torontoslsa@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** 2019/05/07 10:17 AM  
**To:** MayorBrown <[MayorBrown@brampton.ca](mailto:MayorBrown@brampton.ca)>  
**Subject:** Urgent request for a meeting with Mayor Patrick Brown

Mayor Patrick Brown,

As per my colleague who phoned earlier, we the Toronto Sri Lankan Student Alumni Alliance along with many members of the Toronto Sri Lankan community is requesting for an urgent meeting with you to discuss the recent proclamation of "Tamil Genocide Day" in Brampton for May 18th 2019. Please get back to us at your earliest convenience.

Gaya Nagendara  
Secretary  
Toronto SLSA



**From:** Tamil Memorial Foundation [<mailto:tamilmemorialfoundationcanada@gmail.com>]

**Sent:** March 31, 2019 11:23 PM

**To:** Mayor Tory <[Mayor\\_Tory@toronto.ca](mailto:Mayor_Tory@toronto.ca)>

**Cc:** Elamurukan Kathiravelu <[kathir.ela62@gmail.com](mailto:kathir.ela62@gmail.com)>

**Subject:** 10th Annual Tamil Memorial Day - Request for Proclamation and Message

Honorable Mayor John Tory:

On behalf of the Tamil Memorial Day Committee, a coalition of Canadian organizations committed to commemorate and educate about the **Tamil genocide**, we are reaching out to you and the City of Markham to proclaim May 18<sup>th</sup> as the Tamil Memorial Day. We also kindly request you to provide a message to be published to mark the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Tamil Genocide on May 18, 2019.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your unstinting support to the Tamil community in the past years – in many of your speeches and your visit to Jaffna. Tamil community is very grateful for your solidarity with our cause and your understanding of our feelings.

Since the end of the civil war in Sri Lanka on May 18, 2009, Tamil Diaspora has been observing May 18<sup>th</sup> of the year as Tamil Memorial Day. Last year the **Town of Ajax** proclaimed May 18<sup>th</sup> as Tamil Memorial Day.

We are reaching out to you to officially proclaim May 18 of the year to be observed as **“Tamil Memorial Day”** by the City of Toronto.

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The acts of Sri Lankan government since 1956, has been engaging in subtle, overt and covert measures, acts and laws aiming and targeting the liquidations of Tamils in Sri Lanka: who are the original inhabitants of Eelam as confirmed by foreign, local, Sinhalese and Tamil historians.

Organizations like Amnesty International have documented evidences of serious War Crimes and Human Rights Violations committed by the Sri Lankan government during the last stages of war in May 2009.

Your support in proclaiming Tamil Memorial Day is significant because it honors the survivors, as well as

signaling to all the attendees your commitment to ensuring that human rights violations and crimes based on ethnicity is not tolerated in Canada and will send a message to the Sri Lankan government to work on reconciliation efforts improve the status of Tamil in that country.

Kindly email your message by video or in writing by April 19, 2019 to be published in print and electronic media.

If you require additional details please contact Elamurukan at 647 287 3640 by email kathir.ela62@gmail.com

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Elamurukan Kathiravelu

Director, Government Relations

Suggested proclamation:

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WHEREAS, the City of/ Town of \_\_\_\_\_ joins the Canadian Tamil community in its annual observance of the Tamil Memorial Day on May 18th to remember the innocent civilian lives lost, honor the survivors and the importance of protecting human rights and eliminating hatred among our communities; and

Therefore, I, \_\_\_\_\_, do hereby proclaim May 18, 2019 - 2023,

TAMIL MEMORIAL DAY

For your References:

<https://www.colombotelegraph.com/index.php/sri-lanka-if-this-is-not-genocide-then-what-is-it/>

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Human Rights Watch (HRW)

Brussels-based International Crisis Group (ICG)

Publication from the UN Panel of Experts into Accountability (the ‘Darusman Report’)

**Hutchinson, Olga**

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**Sent:** 2019/03/31 11:18 PM  
**To:** MayorBrown  
**Cc:** Elamurukan Kathiravelu  
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- From where originated death Total 146,000 ?



- Bill 104, (Alleged) *Tamil Genocide Education Week, 2019*

“Other estimates place the death toll at 146,679 civilians. These figures only reflect the death toll in 2009 leading up to May 18, the day on which the civil war ended. The loss of Tamil civilian lives during the genocide... “



Tamil Memorial Foundation request quoted 146,000 and May 18

# Why politicians issued the proclamation?

## **Mayor John Tory and Mayor Patrick Brown Real or Apparent Connection to Tamil Terrorist LTTE**

- 26 Years Civil War no any concern
- Tamil LTTE Terrorist waged 26 years armed conflict at the cost of Tamil Civilians, Suicide Bombers, Child soldiers
- LTTE killed Tamils more than any organization.
  - Tamil Eelam Liberation Organization (TELO)
  - Eelam Revolutionary Organization of Students (EROS)
  - Eelam People's Revolutionary Liberation Front (EPRLF)
  - People's Liberation Organization of Tamil Eelam (PLOTE)
- So-called “sole and legitimate representative” of the Tamil people by force.

# Why politicians issued the proclamation?

- Global Affairs of Canada [Response](#)(04)
- John Tory first signed [Tamil Memorial Day](#) (05) May 18, 2019
- How it changed to [Tamil Genocide Memorial Day \(06\)](#) May 18, 2019
- Confidential email says [Mayor's decision is Political](#) (07)

## Wendy Liu

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**From:** Bev Kurmey  
**Sent:** April-10-19 11:56 AM  
**To:** Don Peat; Lawvin Hadisi  
**Subject:** FW: 10th Annual Tamil Memorial Day - Request for Proclamation and Message

Hi

Following up on this request that we discussed at our meeting this week. (see below).

This request came in last year and former Councillor Shan reached out to the group. We did not proceed with a proclamation and we are recommending we do not proceed with it this year as such a proclamation may prove to be divisive to the entire Sri-Lankan-Tamil community in Toronto.

The City proclaims Tamil Heritage Month in January and Genocide Remembrance, Condemnation and Prevention Month in April.

Our office reached out to the Government of Canada and a rep from the international desk- South Asia Division suggested this is a very sensitive issue.

- GOC advice suggestion that the courts should make the determination whether a genocide has taken place and that legal test to be met for a genocide in international law is a very high one. GOC has not officially recognized it. The Canada-Sri Lanka relationship is multifaceted, encompassing trade, political, cultural and people-to-people ties. The Sri-Lankan Canadian and Tamil communities in Canada have made and continue to make major cultural, social, economic and political contributions to the pluralistic and multicultural Canadian mosaic. The Government of Canada is committed to strengthening the bilateral relationship with Sri Lanka and contributing to the ever important process of transitional justice, reconciliation and accountability taking place domestically

The date the request is for is May 18. Please let me know how you would like us to proceed with the requester.

Thanks  
Bev

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**From:** MayorsMail-Clerks  
**Sent:** April 2, 2019 12:37 PM  
**To:** Bev Kurmey  
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Hi Bev

I see on JIRA we did not fulfill this request in the past.  
Please advise how to proceed.

Thank you  
--Harriet



JOHN TORY  
MAYOR

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# *Proclamation*

## **Tamil Memorial Day**

**May 18, 2019**

WHEREAS, on May 18, 2019 we mark the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of the war in Sri Lanka and remember the innocent lives that were lost.

Tamil Memorial Day is an opportunity for us to honour and memorialize those impacted by the war in Sri Lanka. The civil war in Sri Lanka caused the persecution of innocent people, displaced many, and caused many to seek refuge elsewhere. We gather on this day to remember, to commit to ensuring that such a tragedy is never repeated and to commit to continuing to seek justice.

Of the 300,000 Tamils that now call Canada their home, many have come to Toronto to put down new roots. Tamils in Toronto have played an integral role in our success and continue to contribute to the social, economic, political and cultural fabric of this great city.

The City of Toronto recognizes that atrocities were committed during the war and that there is a need for continued truth seeking and proper accountability. Just as you stand with us in building a great city, we stand with you in remembering those we lost, in resolving outstanding issues and in rebuilding and renewing your beloved homeland.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Mayor John Tory, on behalf of Toronto City Council, do hereby proclaim **May 18, 2019** as "**Tamil Memorial Day** the City of Toronto.



John Tory  
Mayor of Toronto



JOHN TORY  
MAYOR

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*Proclamation*

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Tamil Genocide Remembrance Day is an opportunity for us to honour and memorialize those impacted by the war in Sri Lanka. The civil war in Sri Lanka caused the persecution of innocent people, displaced many, and caused many to seek refuge elsewhere. We gather on this day to remember, to commit to ensuring that such a tragedy is never repeated and to commit to continuing to seek justice.

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The City of Toronto recognizes that atrocities were committed during the war and that there is continued truth seeking and proper accountability for those who were responsible. Just as you stand with us in building a great city, we stand with you in remembering those we lost, in resolving outstanding issues and in rebuilding and renewing your beloved homeland.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Mayor John Tory, on behalf of Toronto City Council, do hereby proclaim **May 18, 2019** as "**Tamil Genocide Remembrance Day**" in the City of Toronto.



John Tory  
Mayor of Toronto



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**From:** Nancy Macsween  
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**Subject:** Tamil Proclamation  
**Importance:** High  
**Sensitivity:** Confidential

Good morning Brad,

We are in the process of rolling up an information note or possibly an issue note since we just received a media inquiry about the proclamation, please let us know how you advise we proceed.

Bev received a request from Elamurukan Kathiravelu, Director of Government Relations, Tamil Memorial Foundation of Canada to issue a "Tamil Memorial Day" proclamation to mark the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of the civil war in Sri Lanka.

We contacted the desk officer responsible for Sri Lanka at Global Affairs Canada who provided advice strongly recommending that the Mayor not recognize one group over another in the conflict, and rather, mark just the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary with very general statements regarding the loss of life on both sides of the civil war.

The advice was provided to the Mayor's Office, encouraging that the Mayor instead issue a statement to mark the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of the civil war. The Mayor's office indicated they would move ahead with a proclamation to mark the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

The Mayor's Office then decided to draft a proclamation on their own, marking "Tamil Genocide Remembrance Day", and sent it to Client Services for printing and framing. Upon seeing the change in the name and the nature of proclamation, our team raised concerns with the Mayor's Press Secretary, explaining the advice we had received from GAC (who ultimately is the authority when it comes to the country's stance on foreign affairs), and the possible implications of using the legal term of 'genocide'. We were informed that the decision to produce this proclamation was political. We strongly recommended they use the neutral language we initially provided.

The Mayor presented the proclamation recognizing "Tamil Genocide Remembrance Day" at a community event on Sunday, May 5.

We received a call this morning from Global Affairs Canada, who had received overnight communication from the Canadian High Commission in Colombo, Sri Lanka, indicating that local media had picked up the proclamation, and concerns were being raised. The Government of Canada has asked us to share a copy of the proclamation, as they are now trying to produce responsive messaging, and may in fact issue a statement to counter the message released by the Mayor.

Currently, the proclamation is not available on the City's website, as it is dated for May 18, 2019. However, Bev just received a call from Deborah Blackstone on your team asking why this is not posted since the Globe and Mail is asking (they saw the proclamation posted here: <https://twitter.com/TamilGuardian/status/1125860138089189376>). We are in the process of posting the proclamation on our page.

Given these concerns and possible repercussions, we felt this should be brought to your attention right away. Our team is keeping the Mayor's office updated on these developments and we are continuing to monitor the situation.

Please let me know if you have any questions or wish to discuss.

Thank you,

Nancy

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# Why politicians issued the proclamation?

- Mayor Patrick Brown [Proclamation](#) (11)
- Mayor Patrick Brown Issue [statement](#) (12) asking others to so



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## MAYOR PATRICK BROWN

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Dear Colleagues,

As Mayor, I along with my council colleagues have taken the important step to recognise May 18<sup>th</sup> as Tamil Genocide Remembrance Day. We encourage every community to recognise and remember those who were lost and as part of the motion, we are sharing this information with your offices.

The motion was considered as follows.

C138-2019 Moved by Mayor Brown

Seconded by Regional Councillor Fortini

WHEREAS, The Tamil people, living in their traditional homeland in NorthEast Sri Lanka, were subjected to severe persecution and injustice by the rulers of the Government of Sri Lanka after the independence Granted by British in 1948, including widespread massacres, usurpation of land and property, and acts of wanton destruction; and

WHEREAS, the horrible experience of the Tamils at the hands of their oppressors culminated in 2009 what is known as the "Genocide of the Twenty first Century;" and

WHEREAS, The Tamil Genocide began with the arrest, exile, and murder of thousands of Tamil intellectuals, and political, religious leaders; and

WHEREAS, the regime in control of Sri Lanka planned and executed the unspeakable atrocities committed against the Tamil people from 1958 through 2009, which included the torture, starvation, and murder of more than 100,000 Tamils; and

WHEREAS, newspapers in Canada commonly carried headlines such as "Toronto's Hidden Genocide," "Thousands protest Tamil Genocide," and "How the world should react to Sri Lanka's Killing Fields..."; and



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WHEREAS, Unlike other peoples and governments that have admitted and denounced the abuses and crimes of predecessor regimes, and despite the overwhelming weight of evidence, adamantly denied the occurrence of the crimes against humanity and genocide, and those denials compound the grief of the remaining survivors of the atrocities, desecrate the memory of the victims, and cause continuing trauma and pain to the descendants of the victims; and

WHEREAS, the passage of time and the fact that few survivors remain who serve as reminders of indescribable brutality and torment, **compel a sense of urgency in efforts to solidify recognition and reaffirmation of** historical truth; and

WHEREAS, Canada has become home to one of the largest population of Tamils from Sri Lanka, and those citizens have enriched our country through leadership in the fields of academia, medicine, business, agriculture, government, and the arts and are proud and patriotic practitioners of Canadian citizenship;

Therefore Be It Resolved That the City of Brampton:

(a) Endorse the United Nations Human Rights Council's (UNHRC) findings on Sri Lanka's crimes against humanity and UNHRC High Commissioner's recent call for **Sri Lanka to enact legislation to criminalize war crimes, crimes against humanity, genocide;** and

(b) **Recognize that these crimes against the Tamil Nation in Sri Lanka constitute a genocide;** and

(c) Recognize May 18th as Tamil Genocide Remembrance Day as commemorated by Tamil Canadians every year for the last 9 years; and to educate others about the tragic loss of life, land, and human



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rights of the Tamil Nation and the crimes of genocide committed against them; and

(d) Send a copy of this Resolution to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and Brampton Members of Parliament (MPs) and Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs).

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Patrick Brown'.

Patrick Brown  
Mayor

cc: FCM, AMO, Ruby Sahota MP, Kamal Khara MP, Raj Grewal MP, Sonia Sidhu MP, Ramesh Sangha MP, Sara Singh MPP, Gurratan Singh MPP, Kevin Yarde MPP, Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria MPP, Amarjot Sandhu MPP



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**Subject:** Brampton recognizes May 18th as Tamil Genocide Remembrance Day  
**Attachments:** May 18th Tamil Genocide Remembrance Day Brampton Motion.pdf

Hello

As per Council resolution we are sharing the attached information with your office as Brampton recognizes May 18<sup>th</sup> as Tamil Genocide Remembrance Day which **we encourage you to also recognise**. Please contact our office should you have any questions.

Regards,

Frances Bradshaw, Director of Operations on behalf of the Mayor, Patrick Brown

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# Political Consequences

- We approach
  - Palestine Group, Jews Group.
  - Prodemocracy Group Hong Kong, Chinese supporters
  - Sheik Genocide campaign and opposition among Indians
- Every body concern.
- Do not know when Mayor position will turn into political get side.
- Uncertainty is very high.

# Political Consequences

- Mayor John popularity dropped to 32.4% from 63.49%  
(**Survey Methodology:** For comparison, a probability sample of 1,523 respondents would have a margin of error of  $\pm 2.51\%$ , 19 times out of 20)
- Mayor Patrick Brown popularity dropped from 44.43% to 18.02%  
(**Survey Methodology:** For comparison, a probability sample of 2,438 respondents would have a margin of error of  $\pm 2.45\%$ , 19 times out of 20)

## If election held today,

- If another Candidate from Ford Nation and Mayor Tory will loose the election
- Patrick Brown had very close race with Linda Jeffery
- Patrick Brown will loose election

# Similarity

- On June 19, 2019 the New Democratic Party (NDP) Human Rights Critic, Ms. Cheryl Hardcastle
- Motion to investigate allegations of genocide against Tamils in Sri Lanka

Reasonable to believe under influence of Mr. Gary Aandasangaree

## Lost Election

# Similarity

- On October 24, 2019, Mr. Gary Anandasangaree attended the Conference on **Tamil Genocide Recognition** Houses of Parliament in London, UK –In support **Labour party** election Campaign



# Similarity

**Anandasangaree supporter**

**UK Labour Party lost election**

**Borris Johnson's Party won**

- **Silence majority is responded.**
- **Tamils have rejected LTTE Genocide propaganda.**

# Recruitment strategies

- Dead horse – But need t keep issue alive propaganda (Alleged)Tamil Genocide
- Tamil Terrorist LTTE Genocide propaganda wanted to include education system
- TDSB already submitted CHG381 curriculum including Tamil genocide, motion passed.
- Alleged Tamil Genocide Twitter messages issued on TDSB, YRDSB, PDSB
- Long term objective to brain wash young Canadian children obtain support for separatist agenda.
  - Similarities with ISIS to obtain financial and material support
  - May be fighters
  - Bring Ship load of Refugees for fees each US\$ 35,000.00
  - Money making propaganda at the cost of young lives

# Conclusion

- No Tamil Genocide
- Tamil Genocide is a Tamil Terrorist LTTE propaganda
- Politicians have No genuine interest in Tamils
- Tamil Genocide Campaign is Purely Political at the cost of Tamils
- LTTE is a not a sole representative of Tamil
- Silent majority will decide



Questions

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