

**MAYOR PATRICK BROWN**

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The Honourable M. Joly. P.C., M.P.
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Sent via email Melanie.Joly@international.gc.ca

Dear Minister Joly,

I recently received the attached letter from Thushara Rodrigo, Consul General for Sri Lanka regarding his opposition to our construction of a Tamil Genocide Monument. We will not be intimidated by the foreign interference in local affairs by the genocidal Sri Lankan government.

There will be no real reconciliation until the Sri Lankan government hands over the war criminals responsible for the Tamil genocide to the International Criminal Court in The Hague. Sadly, the government continues to harbor these war criminals in luxury instead of holding them accountable for their crimes against humanity.

In Sri Lanka, the government can try to stop the Tamil community from remembering their loved ones and heroes, but they cannot do that in Canada. It is an act of foreign interference that they attempt to obstruct memorial and remembrance events in Canada.

I hope the Government of Canada will take a hard line against the ongoing foreign interference of the Sri Lankan government.

Sincerely,



Patrick Brown
Mayor

cc: Mike Duheme, Commissioner, RCMP
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