



HOUSE OF COMMONS  
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*Peter Fragiskatos*

Member of Parliament  
London North Centre

Wednesday, February 22, 2017

Ms. Cathy Saunders  
City Clerk  
Corporation of the City of London

Dear Ms. Saunders,

As the Member of Parliament for London North Centre, I am writing to express my support for the application submitted to the City of London proposing the creation of Vimy Ridge Park. It is my understanding this application was initiated by Mr. Shawn Lewis, a member of the Argyle Community Association.

There are a number of excellent reasons why the property located on the southeast corner of the Hale-Trafalgar roundabout should be rezoned and designated as Vimy Ridge Park. The surrounding area has been dedicated to the commemoration of Canada's war veterans. The Hale-Trafalgar roundabout is named for the late Charlie Fox, a World War II flying ace, and the nearby Trooper Wilson Place on the northeast corner memorializes Trooper Mark Wilson, who was killed in the line of duty in Afghanistan in 2006. As such, the proposed Vimy Ridge Park is a fitting addition to the deliberately commemorative nature of the neighbourhood.

In addition, our city is immensely proud of its war veterans. In recent years, the public attendance for the annual Remembrance Day ceremony at the Cenotaph in Victoria Park has reached unprecedented levels. More families are choosing to take time for reflection and education on November 11th and throughout the year. As brave Canadians continue to risk their lives and wellbeing in peacekeeping, combat, and civilian evacuation in war-torn states, it is imperative that we remember those who served before them, and those who will come after.

For multitudes of Canadians, including Londoners, "Lest we forget" are not hollow words. Action is required on the part of those who benefit from the sacrifices of other Canadians. We must continually educate ourselves, reflect on these tragedies, and visit memorials that represent those we have lost.

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Canada will be commemorating the centennial of the pivotal and tragic Battle of Vimy Ridge this spring. It is fitting that we should, at this time, pay sincere tribute to the thousands of Canadian veterans who fought and died to help reverse the outcome of the Great War. We can celebrate their lives and honour their memories by moving forward with the creation of Vimy Ridge Park.

Your consideration in making this request a reality would be greatly appreciated. Should you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me. My office can be reached at (519) 663-9777 or [Peter.Fragiskatos@parl.gc.ca](mailto:Peter.Fragiskatos@parl.gc.ca).

Sincerely,



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