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July 30, 2012

Major Richard Gratton, CD, RCA  
Chair, Heroes' Memorial Organizing Committee  
331 Preston Drive  
Beaconsfield, Quebec  
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Dear Major Gratton,

It was my great pleasure to learn of your proposal to create a memorial in the City of Beaconsfield to honour the service of Canadians who have taken part in military conflicts, either as peacemakers or peacekeepers, around the world and throughout the history of our great country.

I was also pleased to hear that the memorial will more broadly honour so many other Canadians who have dedicated their lives to the protection of our public security; namely, police officers, firefighters and first responders.

The timing of your proposal to build a cenotaph on municipal park land that will remind all who live in, or transit through, Beaconsfield of the courage and selflessness of those who protect our communities in so many different ways is most fitting, as we are today on the eve of the 100th anniversary of World War I.

It is our duty as Canadians, living in freedom and enjoying so many democratic rights and privileges and much economic prosperity, to reflect on the sacrifices of those who have made our good fortune possible.

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Once again, I commend and congratulate you on this inspired initiative. Please rest assured of my enthusiastic support, and do not hesitate to call on me for assistance in ensuring this welcome project comes to fruition.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Francis Scarpaleggia". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Francis Scarpaleggia