

## City Council

### Motion without Notice

MM30.25	ACTION			Ward: All
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### **Tamil Genocide Monument in Scarborough - by Councillor Parthi Kandavel, seconded by Councillor Councillor Josh Matlow**

*\* This Motion has been deemed urgent by the Chair.*

*\* This Motion is not subject to a vote to waive referral. This Motion has been added to the agenda and is before Council for debate.*

#### **Recommendations**

Councillor Parthi Kandavel, seconded by Councillor Josh Matlow recommends that:

1. City Council request the City Manager, in consultation with the General Manager, Parks and Recreation, to consult with the National Council of Canadian Tamils to identify a potential site in a City of Toronto Park in Scarborough to host a Tamil Genocide Monument and report to Scarborough Community Council in the fourth quarter of 2025.

#### **Summary**

Toronto is home to a vibrant, thriving Tamil community located primarily in the Scarborough area of our city. This motion seeks to follow in the footsteps of other levels of government and jurisdictions by recognizing the Tamil Genocide.

The Government of Ontario passed Bill 104 proclaiming the seven-day period in each year ending on May 18th as Tamil Genocide Education Week and the Government of Canada has named May 18th as Tamil Genocide Remembrance Day. The City of Brampton recently unveiled their Tamil Genocide Monument in their main downtown park.

This motion requests City Staff to consult with the National Council of Canadian Tamils identity a potential site in a City of Toronto Park in Scarborough to host a Tamil Genocide Monument.

Reason for urgency: The motion is to honour the recently passed May 18th – recognized by the Government of Canada as Tamil Genocide Remembrance Day and the conclusion of Tamil Genocide Education Week by the Government of Ontario.

#### **Background Information (City Council)**

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