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Montréal, May 19, 2020

Her Worship Valérie Plante  
Mayor of Montréal  
155 Rue Notre-Dame Est  
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Re: May 19 · Pontian Greek Genocide Remembrance Day 1915-1923

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Dear Madam Mayor,

I am a resident of the Ahuntsic-Cartierville Borough and thank you for your service during these unfortunate times.

On May 19th every year Greeks and the Greek diaspora around the world commemorate the Greek Genocide that took place during and after the First World War.

In 1998, the City of Montreal erected a monument to all genocides in Parc Marcelin-Wilson and posted a description of this monument on its website that specifically lists and names 11 ethnic groups who were victims of genocide in the twentieth century.

Unfortunately, the aforementioned online description has omitted the 353,000 Greeks who together with Armenians, Assyrians and other Christians were among the victims of the first genocide in the twentieth century.

I trust that you and your municipal administration will consider correcting the aforementioned online description by including the specific mention of Greeks as another victim of genocide in the twentieth century to be remembered.

Yours sincerely,

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