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Mr. Konstantinos Stefanopoulos
President
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Dear Mr. President:

It is a great honour and privilege to write you this letter on behalf of the people of East York.

We are writing to inform you that our municipality is considering a proposal by the Pontion Brotherhood of Metropolitan Toronto which would see the erection of a monument in remembrance of those whose lives were sacrificed between 1916 and 1923. We have received a proposal to erect a monument on the grounds of our Civic Centre in the Memorial Gardens. These gardens have been dedicated in perpetuity in honour of the men and women who died in defence of Canada during the two World Wars, Korea and numerous police actions. It is fitting that the memorial proposed by the Pontion community find its home here.

We are very proud of the large numbers of Greek-speaking people in East York (nearly 8% of our total population) and of the ties which we have with Greece. Our twin city of Tripolis is probably the best known example.

The placing of a commemorative monument to the Hellenes of Pontus will further demonstrate our friendship and solidarity.

Efstathios (Steve) Xanthopoulos is spearheading the Pontion request and is also conveying this letter to you.

We send our warmest personal regards.

Yours truly,

MICHAEL D. PRUE,
Mayor, East York.

We'll make you our business!

