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National Capital Commission Approves Name for Ottawa Monument: “To Victims of Totalitarian Communism”

TORONTO, September 22, 2009—The National Capital Commission (NCC) approved the title “A Memorial to Victims of Totalitarian Communism—Canada, a Land of Refuge” for the monument to be built on national capital region land to the more than 100 million victims of totalitarian communism.

“We would like to thank the NCC for working with us to develop a title for the monument that does indeed focus on the victims of communism.” says Alide Forstmanis, Tribute to Liberty Board Chair. “We are happy that this part of the process is now behind us, and we will now be focusing our energies on the next stages—finding a site and proceeding with the design competition, and fundraising for all of that.”

Charles Coffey, Honorary Chair of the initiative, commented on the process of working out the wording for the title of the monument: “Probably the board members at the NCC, like so many Canadians, are simply unaware of the scope and scale of communism. This monument will help to change that.”

Tribute to Liberty will now embark on a fundraising campaign. Details of the campaign will be released in the next several days.

The National Capital Commission is the government agency that oversees the use and development of national capital region land. The memorial to the victims of totalitarian communism is a project of Tribute to Liberty working with founding partner The Open Book Group.

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