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Hello,

As a local taxpayer, I am concerned about this project and the continued harm it will cause Indigenous peoples. I believe taxes can be better used to foster healing and education, creating a community of inclusivity. Here are key reasons I do not think this project should go forward:

**1. UPHOLDING A HARMFUL LEGACY**

Many Prime Ministers played a direct role in policies that harmed Indigenous peoples, including the residential school system, forced displacement, and other forms of systemic oppression. A public-funded tribute to them ignores this painful history and dismisses the lived experiences of Indigenous communities.

**2. MISUSE OF PUBLIC FUNDS**

Public funds should be used to support projects that bring communities together, promote reconciliation, and address real needs such as clean drinking water, housing, and education for Indigenous and marginalized groups. Honoring figures who upheld colonial systems does the opposite.

**3. PUBLIC LAND SHOULD REFLECT INCLUSIVITY**

Public spaces should be welcoming and inclusive for all. Placing statues of leaders responsible for policies that devastated

Indigenous families creates a space that is inherently unwelcoming and retraumatizing for Indigenous people. These statues serve as painful reminders of oppression rather than spaces of healing or education.

**4. TRUE RECONCILIATION REQUIRES LISTENING**

Indigenous voices have been clear: glorifying colonial leaders in public spaces continues the erasure of Indigenous histories and perspectives. True reconciliation requires listening to Indigenous communities about how history should be

acknowledged and presented.

#### **5. ALTERNATIVE APPROACHES EXIST**

Public spaces could be used to honor Indigenous teachings and shared histories, and educational installations that tell the full story of Canada's past—including the harms committed and the resilience of Indigenous peoples.

Thank you for listening.

Melissa