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Subject: Today, We Remember Dieppe (letter from constituent request)

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Subject: Fwd: Today, We Remember Dieppe

Could my letter marking the tragic Dieppe Raid of August 19, 1942, be read to all City Councillors this coming Monday Aug 19 to mark the 82nd anniversary of this tragic day in Canadian History.

Thank You

Mike LoSchiavo

Today, we mark the 82nd anniversary of the tragic raid on Dieppe France. A sad and sombre day in Canadian History and for the City of Hamilton.

A raid that was supposed to test the German defenses for a seaborne landing and to give the Canadian troops in Britain, a crack at the Nazis. The raid was poorly planned, lacked heavy naval bombardment and lost the element of surprise.

The results were catastrophic. Close to a thousand Canadians killed. The Royal Hamilton Light Infantry took grievous losses. Two hundred killed and 300 hundred taken prisoners. Hamilton was a city in mourning. A controversial raid and operation to this date. They say, lessons learned at Dieppe saved many lives on D-Day. So today, we should pause and think of those men, many from Hamilton who stormed the Dieppe Beaches that morning, knowing that they may not survive the day. Lest we Forget.

Mike LoSchiavo

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