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Mr. Johan Kramer
Consul General
Consulate General of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to Canada
2106-1 Dundas Street West
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Dear Consul General:

Thank you very much for your letter and for the copy of *Honour our Past, Celebrate the Future*. Your thoughtful gift is much appreciated, and I am delighted to have a book that does so much to recognize and celebrate the experiences of Dutch Canadians before and after the Second World War.

I speak for all Ontarians when I say that I am proud of the invaluable contributions Dutch Canadians have made to the social, cultural and economic life of our province. The community continues to be a vital force in defining our society as one of the most multicultural in the world.

I would like to take this opportunity to offer you, Dutch Canadians, and all people of the Netherlands, my deepest sympathies on the loss of innocent life that occurred during the tragic event on Queen's Day. Our nation and the Netherlands enjoy a close and enduring friendship — one forged, in particular, during the bleak years of World War Two. And it is through this unique bond that we feel a special closeness to the Dutch people as they contend with this shocking incident. Our hearts go out to you.

Again, thank you for your kind gift. I can assure you that *Honour our Past, Celebrate the Future* will enjoy a privileged place among the volumes in my personal library. Please accept my best wishes and warm regards.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Dalton McGuinty". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dalton McGuinty
Premier

