



July 20, 2020

The Honourable Bill Morneau, P.C., M.P.
Minister of Finance
90 Elgin Street
Ottawa, Ontario
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Dear Minister Morneau,

We are writing you to express our support for including Canadian Indigenous war hero, Sergeant Tommy Prince, on Canada's new \$5 note.

Sergeant Prince was a great Canadian who embodied duty, courage, bravery, and patriotism. After joining the Canadian Army at age 24, Sergeant Prince became a founding member of the 1st Canadian Parachute Battalion and the elite First Special Service Force during the Second World War. On one occasion during World War Two, Sergeant Prince trekked over 70 kilometres over mountainous terrain, without food, water or sleep for 72 hours, and was instrumental in the capture of a German battalion.

He reached the rank of sergeant by war's end, and was one of three Canadians to receive both the Silver Star and the Military Medal. His 11 medals make him the most decorated Indigenous war veteran in Canada.

In August 1950, he returned to serve in the Korean War where he contributed to the stalwart defence of Hill 677 in the Battle of Kapyong.

Tommy Prince is among around 15,000 Indigenous veterans who have served our country in uniform. Many served in past conflicts where upon their return from overseas service they were denied their benefits and the honour that should have rightly been accorded to veterans. It is the duty of every Canadian to understand our history and do our very best to rectify past wrongs to put us on the path to reconciliation.

Since launching the campaign website, www.HonourTommyPrince.ca, over 20,000 Canadians have added their voice in supporting Sergeant Prince's inclusion on the \$5 note. As the Minister of Finance, the design of the new bank note is ultimately up to you. We are hopeful that you will fulsomely consider Sergeant Tommy Prince for inclusion to honour this great Canadian hero.

Sincerely,

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Member of Parliament for Calgary Shepard

Jamie Schmale
Shadow Minister for Crown-Indigenous Relations
Member of Parliament for Haliburton—Kawartha Lakes—Brock

Gary Vidal
Shadow Minister for Indigenous Services
Member of Parliament for Desnethé—Missinippi—Churchill River

The Honourable Senator Yonah Martin
Deputy Leader of the Opposition in the Senate