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We should be proud

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Kingston, Ont. -- Recently, a bureaucrat from something called "Commemorations" at the Department of Veterans Affairs informed me that the efforts of Branch 360 of The Royal Canadian Legion to honour the memory of Filip Konowal, the only Ukrainian Canadian to be awarded a Victoria Cross for his valour at Hill 70 (he also fought at Vimy Ridge) are a "private matter," deserving of no support from Ottawa. I therefore conclude that those who feel shame at the disintegration of the Vimy Memorial will have to pay for the repairs themselves. Scarce federal funds will instead be funnelled to much higher priority projects, like installing a fountain in Shawinigan.

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