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Tories not keen to move memorial

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The federal government says it is not interested in changing the site chosen for the Memorial to the Victims of Communism, despite a growing chorus of objections.

Mayor Jim Watson, Ottawa-area MPs and others have now asked the government to move the memorial from its planned spot on Confederation Boulevard near the Supreme Court building.

"Ottawa residents and their representatives were not consulted on the location, size and the design of the memorial," Ottawa Centre NDP MP Paul Dewar, whose riding includes the memorial site, said in the House of Commons.

Conservative MP Rick Dykstra, the parliamentary secretary to heritage minister, said Dewar's charge was "absolutely not true."

"Consultation has taken place on this monument and the fact that it was brought forward by the organizations involved should be respected by (Dewar)," he said.

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