



**April 12<sup>th</sup> 2026**

**National Council of Canadian Tamils Grand Gala 2026**

Greetings from Councillor Neethan Shan

I am honoured to extend my warm greetings to everyone gathered for the National Council of Canadian Tamils' Grand Gala 2026.

The National Council of Canadian Tamils (NCCT) continues to play a critical role in advancing the rights, dignity, and self-determination of Tamils in our homeland. Through sustained advocacy and community leadership, NCCT has helped ensure that Tamil community's voice is heard and understood by decision makers in Canada.

This evening is not only a celebration of achievements of the award recipients, but also a recognition of the contributions of all the volunteers who uplift and strengthen the Tamil community.

Through the continued hard work of NCCT, we have an amazing monument in the GTA; one that is dedicated to remembering the victims and survivors of Tamil Genocide.

I commend NCCT for their sustained advocacy in getting different levels of government to recognize Tamil Genocide and for their various initiatives aimed at seeking justice and accountability.

Wishing you all a powerful and memorable evening.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Neethan Shan', with a horizontal line underneath.

Neethan Shan

City Councillor, City of Toronto Ward 25