

April Dedication and Planting Ceremony Brief

April 20th, 2022

Core principles to keep in mind:

- The date and time for the ceremony is set for June 18th @ 11am
- The reception is set for 10-10:50am (Mr. Tidridge will handle this portion of the morning)
- A formal “planting” of a White Pine by Giima Stacey Laforme and Lieutenant Governor Elizabeth Dowdeswell will be the central part of the dedication ceremony. This planting will take place after the speeches.
- Lighting and maintaining a Sacred Fire will be part of the ceremony (sunrise is 5:39 a.m. on June 18th)
- The wishes of the Mississaugas of the Credit regarding the dedication ceremony must be honoured
- The UK Delegation MUST leave no later than 11:45am for Niagara Falls (please assign a student to stay with them to make sure they leave on time)

Tasks:

An Emcee will need to be selected to officiate over the formal dedication and planting ceremony.

You will need to create a **detailed “master plan” schedule of events & map of the space that will be used on June 18th and include:**

- Timing to the minute for each step of the event. Example:

Time	Action
11:00	Arrival of the Lieutenant Governor of Ontario and Giima and Council. They will be greeted by ***** and directed to go to ***** to prepare for their formal walk to the Treaty Forest.
11:05	***** will invite Lieutenant Governor of Ontario and Giima and Council to walk to the Treaty Forest (led by piper Ken Griffin – ask Mr. Tidridge). ***** will ensure that the party walks to the White Pine.
11:10	Arrival at White Pine. Emcee ***** begins the formal proceedings

- There are going to be speeches: what are will be the order and how they will be broadcast to the assembled spectators
- Spectator section
- Location of trees to be formally planted

- Needed pathways for VIPs, students and other participants
- Media section

Questions to answer:

Who is on the guest list? (Veronica McMullen from Councillor Judi Partridge's Office will handle inviting City of Hamilton dignitaries)

What will the formal invitations look like?

What are wishes of the Mississaugas of the Credit regarding the dedication ceremony?

What specific article[s] of the *United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples* does your committee's work fall under?

***Final report will be made to Councillor Erma Farrell to forward to Giima and Council of the Mississaugas of the Credit**