

Dedication and Planting Ceremony Brief

March 2nd, 2022

Core principles to keep in mind:

- The date and time for the ceremony is set for June 18th @ 11am
- A reception for VIPs and students will be held at another location for 10am
- A formal “planting” of a central tree¹, or a group of trees, by VIPs will be part of the ceremony
- Lighting and maintaining a Sacred Fire will be part of the ceremony
- The wishes of the Mississaugas of the Credit regarding the dedication ceremony must be honoured

Map:

You will need to create a map of the space that depicts the following:

- Where VIPs will exit their vehicles and be escorted to the main planting/dedication area
- If there are going to be speeches, where they will be said and how it 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?

¹ Most likely a White Pine

Research: (Where to start)

Compose an email to your consultant **Constable Todd Summers (HRPS)** for advice on organizing an event like this. Include a draft of invitation letters for Lieutenant Governor and Giima and Council with your first email.

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