



## Dedication Ceremony Committee Brief

March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024 (updated April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024)

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### Responsibilities and Instructions:

- The date and time for the ceremony is set for June 21<sup>st</sup> (Exact time T.B.D.)
- The community is invited (and will need to be informed)
- A reception for VIPs and students will be held at another location for 10am
- A formal unveiling of the Monument Stone and artwork will be part of the ceremony
- Official invitations need to be sent to the Ogiima Kwe and Council, as well as the Lieutenant Governor of Ontario by the end of April.
- The wishes of the Mississaugas of the Credit regarding the dedication ceremony must be honoured
- You will need to liaise with Maisie Bird (Waterdown Museum of Hope)

Tasks to complete for April 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> attendance at the Mississaugas of the Credit Historical Gathering:

- Letters of invitation to the Formal Dedication Ceremony and reception on June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024 for . . .

The Ogiima-Kwe and Council of the Mississaugas of the Credit  
The Honourable Edith Dumont, *30<sup>th</sup> Lieutenant Governor of Ontario*  
Elder Garry Sault  
Elder Carolyn King CM  
Rick Hill  
Ms. Pat Mandy CM  
Councillor Ted McMeekin, *Ward 15*  
Ms. Judi Partridge  
Mr. Clark, *Principal of Waterdown District High School*  
Daniel and Wendy Coleman  
John Fraser and Elizabeth McCallum, *The King's Anishinaabek Sacred Place*

Letters of Invitation to the Formal Dedication Ceremony ONLY:

The Flamborough Community Council

- A five-minute presentation outlining “The Ponds Project,” as well as the work of each committee.

### Map of Dedication Ceremony (Begin working on mid-May):

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

- Where VIPs will enter and stand
- If there are going to be speeches, where they will be said and how it will be broadcast to the assembled spectators
- Spectator section
- Needed pathways for VIPs, students and other participants to visit the artwork and/or Sacred Fire
- Media section

### Questions to answer:

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?

### Research:

#### [Treaty Primers](#)

*Braiding Sweetgrass* by Robin Wall Kimmerer

*Yardwork* by Daniel Coleman

#### [United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples](#)

**\*Final report will be made to the Ogiima Kwe and Council before being forwarded to the Flamborough Community Council.**

# Letter Outline

Treaty Studies Program  
Waterdown District High School  
215 Parkside Drive  
Waterdown, ON ON L8B 1B9

[Name of recipient]  
[Postal Address]

[Date of letter]

Dear/Aanii [*Aanii* is an Anishinaabemowin greeting for members of the Mississauga Nation],

[The first paragraph should start with the invitation to participate in the dedication of a new part of the Souharissen Natural Area and needs to include the time, date and specific location of the event, including parking directions – Start with “On behalf of the Treaty Studies Program at Waterdown District High School . . . ”]

[The second paragraph should be the invitation to the reception celebrating the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the original founding of the area and needs to include the time, date and specific location of the event, including parking directions]

[The third paragraph should provide a brief description of the project – you can adapt one from our website. You should also include the website address where they can learn more.]

[The final section should state your hopes that they can attend, providing Mr. Tidridge’s school email address for them to RSVP to]

Sincerely,

[your name]

[your name]