

Treaty Studies, Room 2048
Waterdown District High School
215 Parkside Drive
Waterdown, ON L8B 1B9

March 31st, 2022

Dear Giima and Council,

On behalf of the students of the Waterdown High School's Treaties Studies class, we are inviting you to join us at the Platinum Jubilee Treaty Forest Ceremony. The ceremony will take place on June 18th, 2022, at Joe Sams Leisure Park, 752 Centre Rd, Hamilton, ON L8N 2Z7 at 11:00AM.

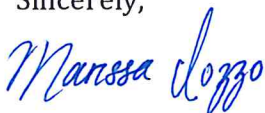
This event will include the planting of 70 trees, the opening of a sacred space in the community to host ceremonies, the revealing of designated spaces to educate local residents of your territory and the Treaties they are connected to, and dedication of various monuments to honour the Treaty Forest. During the dedication ceremony we are hoping the Giima and Council will plant a White Pine along with the Lieutenant Governor (who has also been invited). We are also hoping a sacred fire will be lit if that is deemed appropriate.

There is also a very good possibility that a delegation of representatives from the Commonwealth will also be attending - our intention is to invite them to plant trees on behalf of their nations, elevating this event to an international one between the Mississaugas and the other nations present.

A reception for VIP's will be held at a separate location at 10:00AM to allow students to meet with the dignitaries. This will include your Council, the Lieutenant Governor and members of a delegation from the Commonwealth that will also be participating in the event. More details will be sent at a later date.

Your attendance will be greatly appreciated. We look forward to continuing to work alongside you in this project.

Sincerely,



Marissa Iozzo
Chairperson, Platinum Jubilee Treaty Forest

