

Land Committee Brief

February 25th, 2022

Core principles to keep in mind:

- The central tree will be a White Pine (approved by Councillor Fawn Sault)
- All plants native to the area are medicine
- Rehabilitation and healing of the land, pond, Grindstone Creek, watershed is critical
- Protect the space for future generations
- City is providing 70 trees (which will need to be selected by the end of March), but other plants should also be considered

Questions to answer:

What is the current health of the land? (How do we find this out?)

What trees/plants were/are native to the area?

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

Research: (Where to start)

Joseph Pitawanakwat - <https://www.youtube.com/joepitawanakwat>

<https://www.cbc.ca/radio/thecurrent/back-to-the-land-preserving-indigenous-language-1.6152854>

<https://creators garden.blogspot.com/>

*With Mr. Tidridge's help this committee will need to reach out to Joseph to seek his advice on this project.

Akinoomaage Aki – presentation given by Jordan Carrier (March 1st)

Braiding Sweetgrass by Robin Wall Kimmerer

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***Final report will be made to Councillor Fawn Sault before being forwarded to the City of Hamilton.**