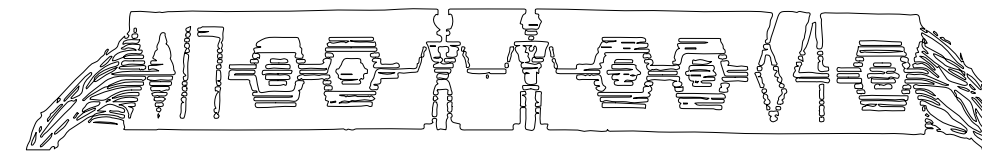
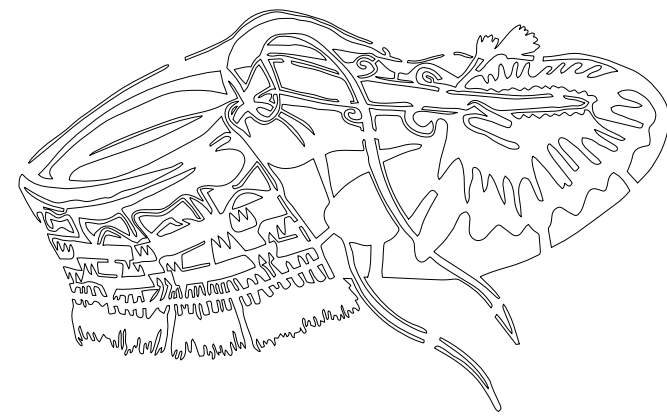


Welcome To The Platinum Jubilee Treaty Forest

Dedicated on June 18th, 2022, by the Giima and Council of The Mississaugas of the Credit and the Hon. Elizabeth Dowdeswell, 29th Lieutenant Governor of Ontario.

"As the representative of The Queen in Ontario, I am privileged to fulfil my duty of kinship with Indigenous Peoples in Treaty. It is a sacred trust as relevant as my duty to ensure the province always has a functioning government."

- The Hon. Elizabeth Dowdeswell,
29th Lieutenant Governor of Ontario



The Treaty of Niagara Wampum, 1764

Treaties are enduring relationships binding the Crown with Indigenous Nations. Waterdown and Flamborough are in lands that are subject to Treaties including the foundational Silver Covenant Chain of Friendship (1764 Treaty of Niagara) and the Between the Lakes Treaty (or Treaty No.3, 1792).

These relationships include responsibilities to each other, as well as the land and its other beings.

While the Crown portrayed the Between the Lakes Treaty as a surrender of land, the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation regard it as an agreement to the share the land.

Planted during the Platinum Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II to centre one of the Crown's many foundational relationships with Indigenous Nations. This project, inspired by the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (particularly articles 25 & 26), was made possible by the Mississaugas of the Credit Nation, City of Hamilton (Councillor Judi Partridge), Royal Commonwealth Society (Toronto Branch), Rotary Club of Waterdown, Lions Club of Waterdown, as well as staff and students from Waterdown District High School. Funded (in part) by the government of Canada.