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## THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE TREATY FOREST CEREMONY, JUNE 18, 11:00 AM, JOE SAM'S PARK

VIPs to dedicate Treaty Space – *“Planting roots in the right direction”*

**FLAMBOROUGH, ON** – The community is invited to a formal ceremony hosted by the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation, to dedicate and celebrate the creation of The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Treaty Forest on Saturday June 18, 11:00 am at Joe Sams Park, 752 Centre Road in Flamborough. The ceremony will take place near the Waterdown Lions Lookout, behind the baseball diamonds, **and is open to the public.**



Joe Sams Park, 752 Centre Road

The dedication ceremony will include addresses by Councillor Judi Partridge, Sharon Broughton (Prince's Trust Canada), Lieutenant Governor Elizabeth Dowdeswell and Giima/Chief Stacey Laforme. **The event will culminate with the planting of a White Pine donated by the Prince's Trust Canada by Treaty partners Lieutenant Governor Elizabeth Dowdeswell and Giima Stacey Laforme.** The forest itself, comprising 70 trees (all native species) was designed by local young adults/ teenagers working with the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation.

A Commonwealth delegation headed by Lord Graham Tope (representing the Royal Commonwealth Society, Toronto Branch) is traveling to Waterdown to witness the event, as well as members of the local community.

**BACKGROUND:** The Platinum Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II celebrating 70 years on the throne is an opportunity to continue honouring Waterdown/Flamborough's relationship with its Treaty partner, the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation, by centering the Treaty relationship that exists in this territory. Building off of previous collaborations of The [Souharissen Natural Area & Canoe](#) Garden off Burke Street, Councillor Judi Partridge has been pleased to support this project with local historian and teacher Nathan Tidridge, the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation, youth from the Flamborough community, City of Hamilton staff and the Rotary Club of Waterdown. **Funding has been generously provided by the Royal Commonwealth Society (Toronto Branch), Waterdown Rotary Club and the Government of Canada.** A similar project highlighting Haudenosaunee-Crown relationships will be undertaken in 2022-2023. Learn more about the Treaty Forest project [at this link](#).

**QUOTES:** "As City Councillor, I am pleased to support this project and these partnerships, truly Building Community Together with Indigenous brothers and sisters." – Ward 15 City Councillor Judi Partridge.

"The purpose of the Treaty Forest is based in UNDRIP (United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples) to honour our Treaty partners, as well as our own relationships with the land, by creating a space to educate our community about its responsibilities in Treaty." – Emcee Marissa Iozzo

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