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To Whom It May Concern:

Trees have stories.

Trees Ontario and the Ontario Urban Forest Council have developed a program for you and other likeminded community members wanting to take pride in historically or culturally significant trees in your area.

It is very likely that a tree close to you has a great story to tell.

Tell us your tree's story. Take part in the Ontario Heritage Tree Program - <u>www.heritagetrees.on.ca</u>- and nominate a tree today.

Heritage Trees are identified and assessed based on their age, size, appearance, and most importantly their cultural and historical significance. If a tree meets the Heritage Tree criteria it will be recognized with a letter of recognition, a plaque, a tree tag and posted to our heritage tree website.

There may also be an opportunity to host a Heritage Tree event in your community to celebrate those trees recognized, and to take part in a seed collection program to ensure that your Heritage Tree's legacy is carried forward by the collection of seed and the growing of new healthy trees.

So, get involved. Nominate a tree at: www.heritagetrees.on.ca. Tell everyone you know and help us spread the word.

Attached you will find a beautiful Heritage Tree poster that we'd ask you hang in a prominent place. Also enclosed is a sample of our Heritage Tree bookmark.

If you are interested in becoming a Heritage Tree evaluator, let us know.

Should you require any additional information, please contact Elissa Schmidt, Manager of Communications at Trees Ontario at elissas@treesontario.on.ca or 416-646-1193 ext. 232.

Kind/Regards,

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