



Dear Mayor Chow and Councillor Shan,

On behalf of Green Dupatta Charitable Organization, I am writing to express our strong support for the establishment of July as Caribbean Heritage Month in the City of Toronto.

Toronto is home to one of the largest and most vibrant Caribbean communities in the world. For generations, Caribbean Canadians have helped shape our city through their contributions to education, healthcare, business, public service, the arts, athletics, entrepreneurship, and community leadership. Officially recognizing Caribbean Heritage Month would celebrate these contributions while creating meaningful opportunities for education, cultural exchange, and a deeper understanding of the diverse histories that make up the Caribbean and its diaspora.

Green Dupatta CO is a Toronto-based charitable organization committed to building stronger communities through education, cultural preservation, and international development. While our work extends to Canada, Guyana, and India, much of our programming has focused on celebrating and preserving Caribbean culture within Toronto. Through educational initiatives, cultural storytelling, community events, youth engagement, and partnerships with schools and community organizations, we strive to ensure that Caribbean histories and voices are recognized, celebrated, and passed on to future generations. Our work has also highlighted the rich diversity of the Caribbean, fostering greater understanding across cultures and strengthening connections within our city's multicultural fabric.

The Caribbean is not a single culture, but a tapestry of peoples, languages, traditions, and histories that have come together to create something uniquely vibrant. Recognizing Caribbean Heritage Month acknowledges this diversity while affirming the important role Caribbean communities continue to play in shaping Toronto into one of the world's most inclusive and multicultural cities.

We respectfully encourage Toronto City Council to support the designation of July as Caribbean Heritage Month. This recognition would send a powerful message that the histories, cultures, and contributions of Caribbean Canadians are valued and celebrated as an integral part of Toronto's identity.

Thank you for your consideration and for your continued commitment to celebrating the diversity that strengthens our city.

Sincerely,

*The Green Dupatta CO Team*