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Subject: Heritage Day City of Hamilton CANCELLED?

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Subject: Re: Heritage Day City of Hamilton CANCELLED?

Dear Mayor Horwath and City Council, I completely concur with the email below by Janice Brown, protesting the cancellation of Heritage Day! This is an egregious affront to those who built our country with sweat and tears.

If you think we can simply wipe out our history with many cuts and build a new one on the ensuing rubble, you will be dismayed at the chaos that ensues. Already we see crime rates and psychiatric breakdowns escalating as the cancel culture people wipe out our traditional roots.

Our stability and our identity as citizens of a great country are the source of our basic rights and freedoms and our democratic institutions. When they go, and they are already disappearing, we will have no society and no culture, and the strongest will prevail, not those of us with values and principles reflective of where we have come from, the British common law and our Parliamentary system of governance, and our traditions of trust in government and our well-functioning institutions.

Without trust we have tribalism, all-out competition and conflict, and all efforts to achieve diversity, equity and inclusion will fail. The risk you are taking is appalling. Please reverse your decision.

For our heritage, Bob

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Dear Mayor Horwath and City Council

I have just learned that the City of Hamilton (Culture & Tourism) has canceled Heritage Day 2023!

As a long time advocate and supporter of our Heritage, I must express my disappointment that this important event has been cancelled. The Ontario Government has recognized Heritage Day since 1974 and in 1985 the third week in February was declared Heritage Week with the Federal Government kicking celebrations off!

Today even more so the City of Hamilton should be recognizing and celebrating our Heritage. Ford's Bill 23 is devastating. Heritage supporters and its citizens value our Heritage and as our leaders, you must join with us to ensure that we will not lose the work of current and former staff, citizen groups and City leaders. During this time, why would this event be cancelled? If anything the City of Hamilton should be doing more!

May I remind you, effective January 1, 2025, Bill 23 will remove over 2200 properties of cultural and heritage value with no return for 5 years! Our heritage staff have 166 properties on their work plan????

To Heritage!
Janice Brown,
Heritage Supporter

<https://www.heritagetrust.on.ca/pages/programs/heritage-week>

<https://www.hamilton.ca/city-council/awards-tributes/heritage-day-awards>

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