



February 26, 2024

By Email: clerk@hamilton.ca;

City of Hamilton
Office of the Mayor and Council
71 Main Street West
Hamilton ON L8P 4Y5

Dear City of Hamilton Council

Re: Canadian Heritage River 30th Anniversary Planning

The Grand River and its major tributaries - the Conestogo, Eramosa, Nith and Speed rivers - were designated Canadian Heritage Rivers in 1994. The designation recognizes the outstanding human heritage values and excellent recreational opportunities along the rivers.

The Canadian Heritage River System was established in 1984 by the federal, provincial and territorial governments. The goal is to conserve and protect the best examples of Canadian river heritage, to give them national recognition and to encourage the public to enjoy and appreciate them.

The year 2024 marks the 30th anniversary of this special status. This milestone collectively offers us a 'grand' opportunity to celebrate the national status of our rivers, the common threads that link our communities, landscapes, and cultural features throughout the watershed.

The GRCA will be celebrating this occasion with a family event at the Brant Conservation Area. Likewise, I invite your municipality to consider celebrating your Canadian Heritage River. These are just a few ideas for celebratory activities:

- incorporating commemorative activities and the heritage river theme into your existing 2024 community events such as environmental or cultural events, statutory holiday celebrations, Doors Open activities, festivals, interpretative walks or bike rides, or
- working with community groups on events such as river clean-ups and tree planting.

For more information about the Canadian Heritage River designation, visit [Heritage River designation - Grand River Conservation Authority](#).

Should your municipality decide to incorporate special heritage river celebrations in your community activities, please forward your list of activities to Janet Ivey, phone: (519) 621-2763 ext. 2128 or email: jivey@grandriver.ca for our records and for inclusion in reporting to the Canadian Heritage River Secretariat.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris White".

Chris White, Chair



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