

Hamilton City Council  
 Hamilton City Hall  
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 Hamilton, Ontario  
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Dear Hamilton City Council:

As representatives of the loyal societies of Hamilton, we the undersigned would like the City of Hamilton to take on a legacy project to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee of Her Majesty The Queen in 2012. It goes without saying that the Jubilee is a once in a lifetime event and having our city do something to have it commemorated for future generations should be a given. The last (and only) Diamond Jubilee was that of Queen Victoria in 1897.

It would be wonderful if something would be incorporated with the City's existing plan to renovate Gore Park and create a pedestrian promenade in the former area once used by the HSR. Our proposed idea, and it would be of low cost to the City, would be naming this new area the "Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Promenade". It would tie in nicely with the existing statue of Queen Victoria at one end and that of Sir John A. Macdonald at the other, linking our past, present and future. This link echoes the official Canadian portrait of Her Majesty taken at Rideau Hall last year (depicting the Queen with a painting of Queen Victoria as a background).

The United Empire Loyalist Association of Canada would also like to put forward an idea of having 60 chestnut trees planted along the Hamilton city waterfront .

Also as part of the Commonwealth's Diamond Jubilee celebrations, The Prince of Wales and The Duchess of Cornwall are visiting Canada in May, representing Her Majesty. We would also encourage Council to see if Hamilton can get on the Royal itinerary once again. An event already happening that could easily incorporate a Royal Visit is:



Official Diamond Jubilee Portrait released by the Government of Canada, Feb 2012

- A Commemorative Diamond Jubilee Tree planting by Waterdown District High School Active History students (that have been working with the Canadian Secretary to the Queen) in Memorial Park, Waterdown. As well, a new addition to Waterdown District High School is to be named the "Diamond Jubilee Addition" and could be opened by the Royal Couple. The dates of these two events are flexible, depending on the dates of the visit to the area.



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