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WDHS STUDENTS MAKE PRESENTATION TO PEOPLE OF WATERDOWN HONOURS THE QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE & WAR OF 1812 BICENTENNIAL

Waterdown, ON – June 12, 2012 – As part of the Rotary Club “Oh Canada Ribfest” (www.ohcanadaribfest.ca) the Active History Students of Waterdown District High School will be presenting a commemorative Red Maple tree to the people of Flamborough in honour of Queen Elizabeth II's Diamond Jubilee as Queen of Canada and the 200th Anniversary of the beginning of the War of 1812 (a war which saw numerous Flamborough residents, including Waterdown's first settler Alexander Brown, participate).

The unveiling will take place at 1:30pm on July 1st, 2012, at Memorial Park, Waterdown (200 Hamilton Street, Waterdown). Following this event will be a Canadian Citizenship Ceremony.

A stone marker, quarried from Flamborough by HGH Granite, with two granite plaques is also being installed to identify the tree, its significance, and the people that made the presentation possible. As well, the City of Hamilton will be installing a flagpole so that a Canadian flag can be permanently flown over the park.

This project is the result of a year's worth of work by the students of Waterdown District High School's Active History Program, and includes a close partnership with Ward 15 (Flamborough) Councillor Judi Partridge and the City of Hamilton. The support of WDHS Principal Michelle Visca has been integral for the success of this project, and students are also indebted to Mr. Kevin MacLeod CVO, Black Rod in the Senate and Canadian Secretary to the Queen, for his guidance, advice and support. Funding for this project was made possible by the City of Hamilton, Waterdown District High School, and private donations.

The presentation of the tree will be as follows:

Time	Details
1:30-1:35	Remarks by Nathan Tidridge about the significance of the Diamond Jubilee and War of 1812
1:35-1:40	Remarks by a representative from Waterdown District High School's Administration
1:40-1:45	Remarks and presentation of plaques by Councillor Judi Partridge
1:45-1:50	Remarks and unveiling of tree by students from



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	the WDHS Active History Program
2:00pm	Canadian Citizenship Ceremony – during this ceremony a large Canadian flag will be raised on the new Memorial Park flagpole.

*After the Citizenship Ceremony at Memorial Park, the new Canadians will be invited to have their picture taken with the tree

**Diamond Jubilee flags and pins will be distributed courtesy the Department of Canadian Heritage

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