



September 28, 2011

The Active History Programme
c/o Waterdown District High School
215 Parkside Drive
Waterdown, Ontario
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Dear Elizabeth, Jordan, Kevin, Matthew, Nathan, Randy, Ryan and Spencer:

I wish to thank you most sincerely for your very kind note of September 21 relating to the upcoming Diamond Jubilee of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, Queen of Canada. I was so terribly pleased to hear from you on this matter and to know that the youth of Canada are already taking such great interest in this milestone and most significant event in our history.

With regard to the specific nature of your question, it would be my suggestion that a maple tree planted in honour of Her Majesty and her Diamond Jubilee would be most appropriate given the very visible and important role of these two iconic Canadian symbols - the maple tree and the Crown of Canada. Having said this, I am certain that Her Majesty would be delighted with whatever choice you might wish to make that would best suit the environment in which it is to be placed.

I will be having a discussion with senior members of Her Majesty's Household at Buckingham Palace tomorrow and will inform them of your most interesting project. I am absolutely confident that Her Majesty will be delighted to hear of your project and be honoured to know that you all are so engaged in the better understanding of civics and, of course, the important role of the Crown in the daily life of our country.

Congratulations to you all; you are an inspiration to the youth of Canada and I wish you much success in the completion of your wonderful project. With all good wishes, I remain

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in purple ink, appearing to read 'K. MacLeod', written over a horizontal line.

Kevin MacLeod, CVO, CD