

Invitation from: Hamilton Road Seniors' Community Centre



Dedication and Unveiling “Hamilton Road Diversi-Tree”

**Please join us and help
our community
celebrate.**

Date: November 3rd, 2016

Time: 11:00 a.m.

Venue: Hamilton Road
Seniors' Community Centre

The Hamilton Road Area Business Association in conjunction with the Hamilton Road Seniors' Community Centre, the City of London, Tourism London and STIHL Canada, would like to announce the formal unveiling and dedication of newest addition to our Tree Trunk Tour.



Background

This is the 21st in Hamilton Road Area Business Association's "[Hamilton Road Tree Trunk Tour](#)". What started off as an idea and possibility five short years ago, has grown into one of London's significant tourist attractions. It's the best kept secret in London, ask any tourist!

A recent survey of participants at the City of London's Planning Department community meeting regarding the development of a new [Community Improvement Plan for Hamilton Road](#), listed "**Diversity/Diverse**" as the most common single answer to the question, "In one word, describe your Hamilton Road." **Potential. Peaceful, Hard Working and Historic** followed next. The serendipity of this was uncanny, as "Hamilton Road Diversi-Tree", had been in the works now for almost two years, a giant metaphor for diversity in our neighbourhood from the "top" down and on multiple levels.

- [STIHL Canada](#)
- [Tourism London](#)
- [Hamilton Road Area Business Association](#)

The Carvers

In keeping with the "Diversity" theme, we have four of the top area chainsaw carvers, all sponsored by STIHL Canada. Each has their own specialty or skill-set and each has worked on and was responsible for different parts of the carving. This was no easy feat for them, as it was necessary to schedule many hours of work around four individual artists who must work individually. The work is being done, off-site, in Muirkirk, Ontario which serendipitously saved the Hamilton Road Seniors' Community Centre and the library from days of chain saw noise. This work is still being done, as this is written, so deadlines must be made and artistic license will be in use, to the very end. You do not know exactly what you are getting, until you actually get it. All you know is that it will be amazing. How cool!

- [Robbin Wenzoski](#)
- [Nancy Wood](#)
- [Jeff Taylor](#)
- [Neil Cox](#)

Description

- Carved out of hard maple and salvaged/recycled from an area wood lot
- Mounted on a slab of granite which was quarried from Manitoulin Island and provided by [Stone Paradise](#) in London
- Sculpture and base will weigh over 3,000 lbs. when completed.
- At the apex, over 9 feet up, sits a Great Horned Owl looking down with wisdom, on the community below and representing the seniors at the Centre and in our area.
- An old fashioned style Hamilton Road street sign rises out of the top

- As of a walk around this week, the main body of the sculpture includes over 20 wild mammals, birds, fish, reptiles "and marsupials" found in our area. They are all together, hunters and prey, getting along and symbolic of the many cultures, races, and religions in our area.
- As with all our sculptures, QR Codes will provide links to carvers, explanations and descriptions.

Hamilton Road "Diversi-Tree" is a celebration of our community and who we are....it's really cool too.

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