



Nurturing the Growth of Peace

CANADA 125 and the International Institute for Peace through Tourism congratulates all the municipalities, provincial and national parks listed below for their participation in the project Peace Parks across Canada. Three hundred and eighty one Peace Parks were dedicated to date. This number represents a tremendous show of leadership by the communities and regions who acknowledged a "place of peace" in their very hearts. Each dedication represents a seed planted to inspire and spread the growth of peace throughout our land. Our goal is to have active involvement of every community in Canada by the year 2000.

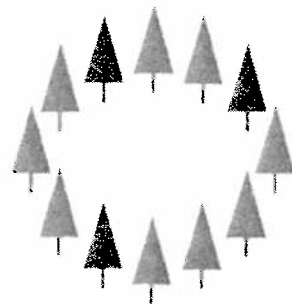
Peace Parks across Canada has just begun, but will grow as a living legacy. On the U.N. International Day of Peace - the third Tuesday of September, every year - we encourage municipalities across Canada to dedicate an existing park as a "place of peace". On the same date, communities that already have a Peace Park, are invited to come together in celebration of Canada's commitment to world peace and environmental protection.

The International Institute for Peace through Tourism plans to extend the Peace Parks project internationally in 1993 reaching out to the global community in a growing expression of our universal desire for peace.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND: Cabot Beech Provincial Park, Cornwall, East Royalty, Lord Selkirk Provincial Park, Southport, Summerside. **NEWFOUNDLAND:** Bishop's Falls, Burnt Islands, Cape Spear National Historic Site, Clarenville, Cottlesville, Daniel's Harbour, Davis Inlet, Deer Lake, Flatrock, Fogo Island, Fortune, Grand-Falls-Windsor, Happy Valley, Hawkes Bay, Holyrood, Humber Arm South, Kippens, Labrador City, Markovik, Mount Pearl, Musgrave Harbour, Port Hope, St. John's, Stephenville. **NOVA SCOTIA:** Amherst, Bridgewater, Dartmouth, Greenwood Village, Halifax, New Glasgow, Pugwash, Springhill, Tatamagouche, Wolfville, Yarmus. **NEW BRUNSWICK:** Beresford, Edmundston, Grand Bay, Hillsborough, Mactaquac Provincial Park, Moncton, Quispamsis, Saint John, St-Andrews, Sussex. **QUEBEC:** Acton Vale, Aguanish, Amos, Aylmer, Beaconsfield, Beaucanton, Brossard, Damville, Dégelis, Delisle, Des Ruisseaux, Deschambault, Disraeli, Dixville, Dolbeau, Dorval, Duhamel, Duhamel-Ouest, Donnacona, East Broughton Village, East Drayton, East Farnham, East Hereford, Fermont, Forestville, Gaspé, Grunby, Grande-Rivière, Grand-Mère, Grantham, Greenfield Park, Havre St-Pierre, Hudson, Hull, Iberville, Joliette, L'Anclerie, Lorette, La Baie, La Pêche, La Prairie, Lac Brome, Lac Mégantic, Lac-St-Charles, Lafontaine, Lebel-sur-Quevillon, Les Cèdres, Montmagny, Mount St. Bruno Provincial Park, Point-à-la-Croix, Pointe-Claire, Quyon, Rivière-du-Loup, Rock-Forest, Saint-Félicien, Saint-Jean-Port-Joli, Saint-Thimothée, Scotstown, St-Adolphe, St-Jovite, St-Gabriel-de-Brandon, St-Georges, St-Lazare, Ste-Anne-de-la-Pérade, St-Ephrem, St-Laurent, Ste-Anne-de-Bellevue, Snikley-Sud, Valois, Vaudreuil, Village of Dixville, Waltham & Bryson. **ONTARIO:** Agincourt, Almonte, Amabel, Amherstburg, Ancaster, Anderdon, Aurora, Baitersea, Bexley, Blind River, Bowmanville, Brampton, Brantford, Brighton, Callander, Chapleau, Cobalt, Coboconk, Cobourg, Cochrane, Collingwood, Corunna, Cumberland, Dover Twp., East Hawkesbury, Elliot Lake, Essex, Etobicoke, Edwardsburgh Twp., Fenelon Falls, Georgina Town, Gloucester, Goderich, Gravenhurst, Guelph, Haliburton, Hamilton, Hanmer, Herschel Twp., Highgate, Iroquois, Iroquois Falls, Kagawong, Kanata, Kempville, Kenora, Kincardine, Kinkora, Kitchener, L'Orignal, Lincoln, Lindsay, Marathon, Markham, Michipicoten, Midland, Minden, Mississauga, Mississauga-I, Mooretown, Mount Elgin, Napanee, Nepean, North Bay, North Huron Twp., Oakville, Oil Springs, Orangeville, Oshawa, Ottawa, Owen Sound, Pelham, Ponthill, Perkinsfield, Peterborough, Petrolia, Fort Colborne, Port Perry, Ramsay, Richard's Landing, Richmond, Richmond Hill, Ridgetown, Sauble Beach, Sault Ste. Marie, Scugog, Simcoe, Smith Falls, St. Claire Beach, Stirling, Stony Creek, Stauffville, Stratford, Tamworth, Tecumseh, Thessalon, Thornbury, Thornhill, Tillsonburg, Timmins, Toronto, Tyendinaga, Vanara, Vanier, Vaughan, Warwick, Waterloo, Wawa, Wellington, Windsor, Wingham, Woodstock. **MANITOBA:** Birds Hill, Brandon, East St. Paul, Erickson, International Peace Garden, Riding Mountain National Park, Russell, Stirling, Teulon, Wasagamung. **SASKATCHEWAN:** Aberdeen, Bienfait, Biggar, Blaine Lake, Boreen, Esterhazy, Flin Flon, Fort Qu'Appelle, Fort Saskatchewan, Grenfell, Hudson Bay, Humboldt, Isle à la Crosse, Kamsack, Lloydminster, Moosejaw, Oxbow, Prince Albert, Redvers, Regina, Saskatoon, Unity, Wakaw, Watrous, Weyburn, Windthorst, Wynyand, Yorkton. **ALBERTA:** Barrhead, Beaumont, Black Diamond, Bonnyville, Brooks, Calgary, Calmar, Canmore, Castor, Coaldale, Cold Lake Provincial Park, Devon, Didsbury, Drayton Valley, Eckville, Edmonton, Elk Point, Fairview, Foresmost, Fort McMurray, Fort Saskatchewan, Fox Creek, Gibbons, Glenwood, Grand Centre, Grande Prairie, High River, Hinton, Innisfail, Killam, Lac la Biche, Leduc, Lethbridge, Linden, Mayserthorpe, Medicine Hat, Millet, Mountain View, Okotoks, Oyen, Peace River, Red Deer, Rocky Mountain, Spruce Grove, St. Albert, Stony Plain, Strathcona, Torrington, Two Hills, Valleyfield Regional Park, Vegreville, Waterton Glacier International Peace Park, Westlock, Wetaskiwin. **BRITISH COLUMBIA:** Bowen Island, Castlegar, Cedar Point, Colwood, Comox, Delta, Elkford, Esquimalt, Falkland, Fort St. James, Fraser Lake, Fulford Harbour, Gabriola Island, Grand Forks, Grove, Kelowna, Kitimat, Kootenay National Park, Ladysmith, Likely, Mackenzie, Matsqui, Nanaimo, Nelson, North Vancouver, Port Moody, Prince George, Prince Rupert, Quesnel, Radium Hot Springs, Revelstoke, Saanich, Saanichton, Salmon Arm, Salt Spring, Spillimacheen, Squamish, Summerland, Surrey, Trail, Tumbler Ridge, Valémount, Vancouver, Victoria, West Vancouver, Whistler. **YUKON:** Dawson City, Mayo. **NORTHWEST TERRITORIES:** Fort Laird, Hay River, Yellowknife.

Peace Parks across Canada

NURTURING THE GROWTH OF PEACE



An Invitation...

Join

with other communities across Canada in dedicating an existing Park as a Peace Park. A living legacy of Canada's commitment to World Peace and Environmental Protection.

Peace Parks across Canada

an ambitious project that will culminate on October 8, with the dedication of some 250 Parks in communities throughout Canada as Places for Peace.

A Peace Grove

nurtured within each Park will be a unifying Peace Grove of twelve trees representing our provinces and territories.

Each Peace Park

WILL... nurture the growth of Peace and understanding at home and throughout the World.

WILL... enhance national awareness of Canada's genuine commitment to World Peace and Environmental protection.

WILL... draw communities across Canada together in celebration of our people, our land, our heritage, and our common future.

Workshops

a series of workshops will be conducted in 15 cities to provide background information on the project and assist regional and community representatives in preparing a dedication ceremony.

A Unique Opportunity

for communities to take part in the creation of a truly significant legacy of Canada's 125th Anniversary.

For more information on how your community can get involved please contact either Nina Burke or Greg Ward at:

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Partners for Peace

the International Institute for Peace through Tourism is organizing "Peace Parks across Canada" in cooperation with CANADA 125 and the National Capital Commission.

Also supporting the project:

The Federation of Canadian Municipalities, Heritage Canada, Canada Parks/Recreation Association, Friends of the Earth, World Wildlife Fund Canada, Rotary International, the Tourism Industry Association of Canada and the Canadian Society of Landscape Architects.

Project Sponsors are:

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Peace Parks Across Canada Survey

Thank you for taking the time to complete this short form. Doing so will assist us in moving forward with an expanded and improved Global Peace Park Network in Canada and around the world. And thank you for all that you do in promoting a "Culture of Peace." **Note:** Please return completed form to peacepark@iipt.org

Contact information

Name _____ Date _____

Title _____

Address _____

City/Town _____

Province and Zip Code _____

Telephone _____

E mail _____

Facsimile _____

Name of Peace Park and location

Description of attached digital photos

Photo # 1

Photo # 2

Photo # 3

Notable activities since 1992 dedication

Please indicate if your city/town will join us with the re-dedication of your Peace Park - noon local time, October 8th 2007

Comments and suggestions for extending the influence of IIPT/ Global Peace Parks in Canada and worldwide.

NOTE: Please return completed form to peacepark@iipt.org

9 August 2007

Mr. Frank Scarpitti
Mayor of Markham
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Dear Mayor Scarpitti:

May I extend a belated "Happy Canada Day" greeting to you.

Fifteen Years ago as Canada celebrated its 125th Birthday, some 400 cities and towns across Canada dedicated a Park to Peace – with most parks dedicated at Noon local time, October 8th, as the National Peacekeeping Monument was being unveiled in Ottawa.

"Peace Parks Across Canada" was the inspiration of – and organized by – the International Institute for Peace through Tourism (IIPT) in collaboration with "CANADA 125" and the National Capital Commission. Supporters included the Federation of Canadian Mayors and Municipalities, Heritage Canada, Canada Parks and Recreation Association, and the Tourism Industry Association of Canada.

We were most honored to have Markham as one of the 400 cities and towns joining us in this initiative, which was said to be the most successful and significant of the more than 25,000 events and projects conducted during "Canada 125."

As this is now the 15th anniversary of "Peace Parks Across Canada," and as Canada continues to be a beacon of Peace, Tolerance, and Understanding in a world of increasing violence and distrust, and a nation that celebrates diversity – we are seeking to re-establish communication with each of the 400 cities and towns that dedicated a Park to Peace in 1992 with a view to coordinating a nation-wide re-dedication at noon local time, Monday, October 8th, 2007 – the precise 15th Anniversary of the original dedications. I am writing to request your assistance with this project.

The original Peace Parks each incorporated a 'Bosco Sacro' (Peace Grove) of 12 trees as a symbolic link with one another, and with nature - and as a symbol of hope for the future. The 12 trees were also symbolic of Canada's 10 Provinces and two Territories. As there are now three Territories, we are suggesting that a 13th tree be planted as part of the "Re-dedication Ceremony."

I am hopeful that Markham will join us in this commemorative re-dedication, and look forward to your kind response.

May I ask further if your staff would provide us with one or more digital photos of the Park and a brief outline of notable activities that have occurred at the Park since its

dedication in 1992. We would also welcome any comments and suggestions that would extend the influence of "Peace Parks" both in Canada – and throughout the world. Finally, we would greatly appreciate the name and contact information of a person we might communicate with on occasion regarding the Peace Park and our growing Peace Park Network. A form is attached to facilitate providing the requested information.

I am pleased to advise you that "Peace Parks Across Canada" has served as the foundation for an "IIPT Global Peace Parks Program" launched on the 11th hour, of the 11th day, of the 11th month, 2000 – the first year of the new Millennium - from Bethany Beyond the Jordan, site of Christ's baptism.

Our goal is 2,010 Peace Parks circling the earth by 2010 commemorating the final year of the U.N. Decade of Peace and Non-Violence for the Children of the World. More information regarding IIPT is available on our website: www.iipt.org.

Thank you for your kind response and collaboration. I will be pleased to answer any questions or provide further clarification/information. With best regards –

Sincerely yours,

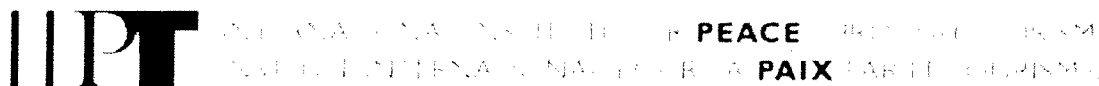
A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "L. D'Amore".

Louis D'Amore
IIPT Founder and President

Cc: Parks Planing & Development

Labelle, Blair

From: Louis D'Amore [ljd@iipt.org]
Sent: August 24, 2007 2:16 PM
To: Labelle, Blair
Subject: IIPT Peace Parks



Dear Mayor Scarpitti:

This is a follow-up to my recent communication regarding "Peace Parks Across Canada" and the re-dedication of Peace Parks to commemorate the 15th anniversary of the project as part of "Canada 125" celebrations in 1992.

We have realized in the past few days that October 8th is Thanksgiving Day and accordingly are suggesting the re-dedication ceremonies be held on Tuesday, October 9th at noon local time, or alternatively, any other date that is more convenient.

As you may recall from my earlier letter and attachments, "Peace Parks Across Canada" was a project conceived and implemented by the International Institute for Peace through Tourism (IIPT) in collaboration with Canada 125 and the National Capital Commission (NCC).

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More information regarding IIPT is available on our website. In particular, you may want to view our August newsletter which features both our Global Peace Parks Program, and the 15th Anniversary of "Peace Parks Across Canada." With best regards -

Sincerely yours,

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