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Erik Hanson
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Dear Erik:

Further to our recent discussions concerning the development of guidelines for the identification and designation of Heritage Trees by the City, we expect to hear a decision from the Ontario Trillium Foundation regarding our funding proposal in the very near future. In the event that we are successful, Green-up is prepared to partner with the City in the preparation of Peterborough specific guidelines for the designation of heritage trees under the Ontario Heritage Act. As we discussed at our meeting on March 5, 2012, these guidelines would form the basis for a formal policy and procedures relating to the protection of significant trees in the City. We expect that monthly meetings will be required between City staff, PACAC, Green-Up staff and community experts in natural and cultural heritage.

As PACAC supported our proposal to Trillium last fall, we hope the committee will assist us as we move this initiative forward. We would like to request that PACAC create an ad-hoc steering committee with an appointed representative from PACAC, but comprised mostly of community members, to oversee the development of criteria and guidelines for Heritage Tree designation in Peterborough. We thank you for your interest in Peterborough's heritage trees, and look forward to working together should our proposal be successful.

Sincerely,

CATHY DUECK

Cathy Dueck
Manager of Landscape Programs