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## APPENDIX A

**Re: Heritage Week 2007 – February 19 to 25**

Dear Friends,

Ontario Heritage Week 2007 runs from Monday, February 19 to Sunday, February 25. Heritage Week offers a unique opportunity for the people of Ontario to celebrate the province's rich history and to recognize the vital work of heritage organizations and volunteers across the province. The Ontario Heritage Trust – the province's lead heritage agency – coordinates Heritage Week celebrations and assists individual communities in promoting heritage events by providing an online event listing.

In 1967, Canada was caught up in centennial celebrations across the country. It was a time when Citizens paused to appreciate who they were, reflect on where they came from, and even indulge in a little self-congratulation. In Ontario, citizens marked the centennial by launching civic improvement projects, many of which involved their heritage. Communities started museums, restored their town halls, cleaned up creek beds, erected monuments and established parks. People acted on the conviction that conservation of the natural environment and the past they shared was fundamental to the well-being of their communities.

The Province of Ontario reflected the spirit of the times when it created the Ontario Heritage Foundation in 1967. Forty years later, the Foundation – now the Ontario Heritage Trust – remains dedicated to the identification, preservation, protection and promotion of Ontario's heritage.

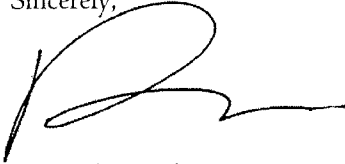
We have a lot to celebrate. To help you in your celebrations, we have created this year's theme for Heritage Week as ***Community Heritage: Celebrating 40 Years of Conservation***. This theme offers an opportunity for communities across the province to reflect on their own achievements in heritage and celebrate special anniversaries and successes that have helped to preserve our past and shape our future.

This year, we once again invite you to submit your special events and activities for posting on the Ontario Heritage Trust's website. Please follow the instructions on Page 3 for submitting your events. This online community events listing has been made possible through a generous donation

from **Scotiabank**. You can visit our website over the coming weeks to see the exciting activities and events that are being planned in communities across the province.

Heritage helps build stronger communities and improves our quality of life. Working together, we can ensure the protection of our heritage for present and future generations. We look forward to working with you over the next few months in making Heritage Week 2007 a successful and exciting celebration.

Sincerely,

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Richard Moorhouse  
Executive Director