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Mayor Larry Di Ianni
City of Hamilton
City Hall, 71 Main Street West
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Dear Mayor Di Ianni:

There are people in your community who are making a difference in the protection of built, cultural and natural heritage. The Ontario Heritage Trust would like to help you recognize the contributions of these volunteers in the City of Hamilton, who have given their time and energy.

I am pleased to invite your council to participate in the **2006 Heritage Community Recognition** program. Since the program began in 1996, the Trust has helped communities recognize over 2,300 volunteers across the province who are protecting heritage. The program is an excellent way to promote awareness of your community's heritage.

Municipalities, First Nation band councils and Métis community councils may submit up to five nominations – a maximum of one in each category. Individuals and small project groups may be considered for nomination in the areas of built, cultural or natural heritage preservation, or heritage garden conservation. The program also includes a Lifetime Heritage Achievement category to recognize individuals who have made significant heritage contributions over a period of 20 years or more.

Staff and volunteers of community and heritage organizations are well positioned to identify those who are making exceptional contributions to heritage preservation in their local areas. I encourage you to work with your local Municipal Heritage Committee, Conservation Authority, historical societies, museums and other local groups to identify people worthy of nomination.

The 2006 brochure is enclosed. The nomination form is also available in electronic format at www.heritagetrust.on.ca. The nomination deadline is **Wednesday, December 6, 2006**.

I encourage your council to participate in this program to recognize the significant work being done to preserve and promote heritage in your community. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Kathryn Dixon at 416-314-4907 or kathryn.dixon@heritagetrust.on.ca.

Yours truly

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lincoln M. Alexander".

The Honourable Lincoln M. Alexander
Chairman