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Oakville Community Foundation Announces Ceremonial Tree Planting Event in Partnership with CN EcoConnexions, Tree Canada and Communities in Bloom

Oakville, Ontario: September 5, 2017: The Oakville Community Foundation is pleased to announce a public ceremonial event and tree planting that will take place on Wednesday, September 27 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Nautical Park, located at 355 Nautical Blvd. in Oakville. The Woodland Regeneration–Emerald Ash Borer Hazard Abatement Program has been generously supported by CN EcoConnexions’ From the Ground Up Program, Tree Canada’s Tree to our Nature, Canada 150 Legacy Program and Communities in Bloom.

“All across the world, trees are a symbol of growth, strength, sustainability, hope, and peace,” said Michael Rosen, President of Tree Canada. “Our #Canada150 tree-planting celebrations are a perfect way to commemorate Canada’s legacy in a positive, meaningful and lasting way, all while engaging people from coast to coast to coast.”

The event will begin with remarks from Honourary Guests and include the planting of three commemorative trees. Our local First Nations elder Stephen Paquette will speak to the significance of this Traditional Territory, the three trees chosen, and will do a Smudging Ceremony of the land. Oakville Mayor Rob Burton will also be speaking at the event. The commemorative trees include a White Cedar to represent First Nations, a Sugar Maple to represent Canada and a White Pine representing Ontario.

“We are proud to be part of a program that helps make communities across Canada better places to live, work and play,” said Luc Jobin, president and chief executive officer of CN. “In hundreds of Canadian communities, the railway has been a part of life for generations. We honour that history, and we proudly look toward our shared future with these Canada 150 celebrations.”

Following this, local volunteers will engage in a tree planting session at the site. Community volunteers are also invited to join in to help plant trees at this site on Saturday, September 30, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Both tree planting events are family-friendly and all are welcome. Approximately 1,500 trees and shrubs will be planted as a result of this project. If you are interested in volunteering to plant trees, please register at www.oakvillegreen.org or contact Oakvillegreen Conservation Association at programs@oakvillegreen.org or 289-813-1568.

“The environment is one of the major themes at the heart of the celebrations for the 150th anniversary of Confederation, which is why the Government of Canada is pleased to support Tree Canada,” said the Honourable Mélanie Joly, Minister of Canadian Heritage. “The Canada 150 project “Tree to Our Nature” will not only leave a lasting legacy for future generations, but also allow Canadians to get closer to nature and increase their environmental awareness. As Minister of Canadian Heritage, I would like to acknowledge everyone taking part in this inspiring and unifying project. I applaud your efforts to help build healthy, sustainable communities.”

The Oakville Community Foundation is pleased to partner locally with the Town of Oakville and Oakvillegreen Conservation Association. This Project has been made possible in part by the Government of Canada.

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About Tree Canada:

Tree Canada is a non-profit charity dedicated to improving the lives of Canadians by planting and nurturing trees. Since 1992, we’ve planted more than 80 million trees, greened more than 550 schoolyards, helped restore places hit by natural disasters and brought together urban forestry experts greening cities all across Canada. Get involved or learn more about us at www.treecanada.ca.

About CN:

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About the Oakville Community Foundation:

The Oakville Community Foundation is a leader in philanthropic stewarding and community building. Our Vision is to build a healthy, vital community where everyone has a sense of belonging, and the opportunity to connect, contribute and realize their potential. We invest the generosity of caring residents to build opportunities for generations.

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