

**Mississippi Mills All My Relations** would like to thank the Municipality of Mississippi Mills for inviting us to participate in this Annual Dedication. Please accept the words of this letter as our offering for the Dedication.

For those who may not know, Mississippi Mills All My Relations is a group of local citizens who recognize our responsibility to actively participate in restoring what was once a relationship of trust and friendship between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Peoples by responding respectfully and collaboratively to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action. To this end, and in relationship with our Indigenous Relations, we educate ourselves about our country's history, reflect on the impact of our history on Indigenous and non-Indigenous Peoples and work to create a fruitful, sustainable, vital future for ALL of our relations.

We would like to express our deepest gratitude to Wisdom Keeper and Former Chief of Ardoch First Nation Mireille Lapointe and Elder Larry McDermott from Shabot Obaadjiwan First Nation for their enthusiastic and generous guidance and leadership of Mississippi Mills All My Relations' events. We look forward to resuming in-person events as soon as possible once Pandemic Restrictions are lifted.

We recognize the Municipality's dedication to building relationships with Indigenous Peoples and we are grateful to the Mayors and Councillors who have attended our events and educated themselves about the importance of meeting together with our Indigenous relations on equal footing, Nation to Nation.

We are grateful to the Municipality for its support of local initiatives to amend township documents and resources to include local Indigenous history; a concrete step to *acknowledge that the sacred land upon which Mississippi Mills is located has been a site of human activity for over 10,000 years and is rich in Indigenous history.*

MMAMR is committed to continuing and developing partnerships with local groups and local Indigenous Leaders to further the work of restoring relationship.

In gratitude and in a spirit of reconciliation,

*Karen*

Karen Luyendyk on behalf of  
Mississippi Mills All My Relations

Please visit our website for more information about our activities (currently somewhat curtailed due to Covid-19 restrictions)