

## CREATION OF AN HISTORICAL PARK ALONG THE HUMBER

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TORONTO – The creation of an historical park along the Humber River has made a giant step forward thanks to the grant that the Ontario Trillium Foundation awarded to the Société d'histoire de Toronto, said her president Rolande Smith.

According to the terms of the Agreement, a \$95,000 grant spread over three years, the Société d'histoire de Toronto will undertake a project to inform the public about the Sentier partagé/Shared Path, a vital piece of the cultural history of Toronto, create a strategic plan to successfully implement the project and enter in collaboration with various partners to increase the success of the park to the public. The Société will soon be hiring a coordinator for this Toronto's history awareness project.

The Sentier partagé/Shared Path project is proposing the development of a historical park along the Humber River, South of Dundas Street West to Lake Ontario. This site is one of the richest historical sites in Canada since on this location all three founding people of Canada and Toronto, First Nations, French and British met and traded.

In addition to showcasing historical sites important to the three founding people of Canada, the project will protect a particularly rich ecological system, flora and fauna.

“The historical park Sentier partagé/Shared Path will create an essential bond in the historical and cultural continuity of Toronto. Thanks to this park, the sites where Canada and Toronto's three founding people met and interacted in a spirit of peace will receive the emphasis they deserve. We too often forget that Toronto existed in French and among the First Nations, long before it became the metropolis that it is today,” said Rolande Smith.

The Société d'histoire de Toronto's mandate is to develop interest in local French history and help in the preservation of historical sites.

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