

**MAY 2016**



## Great Lakes Guardian Community Fund, Heart Lake Conservation Area

Local residents, TRCA staff and local MPP Harinder Malhi, met at HLCAs Medicine Wheel Garden (Gitigaan Mashkiki) for a presentation of funding from the Great Lakes Guardian Community Fund.

Four Colours Drum Circle members welcomed the group with a drumming ceremony to celebrate spring.

These funds will be used to continue the road ecology study and protection of wildlife at the designed Provincially Significant Wetlands along Heart Lake Rd. This long-term project involves data collection of wildlife fatalities as a result of wildlife/vehicle collisions, a turtle population study and installation of an oversized culvert and directional fencing for safe wildlife passage between these fragmented wetlands.

Funds will be used to provide nesting structures and removal and control of invasive vegetation. This area is home to an abundant variety of wildlife species, some of whom are on the Species at Risk list and is a diverse ecosystem within an urban setting.

**LOCATION:**  
Heart Lake Conservation Area, Etobicoke Creek Watershed

**DATE:**  
Sunday, May 15, 2016

**REGION/MUNICIPALITY:**  
Region of Peel, City of Brampton

**PARTNERS:**  
Toronto and Region Conservation (TRCA), Region of Peel, City of Brampton, Four Colours Drum Circle, Local MPP, Ontario Road Ecology Group, Community Residents

