




Team Canada Unity

#Bearhug / OLIVE BRANCH EDITION 
Ambassadors & Advisory Steering Committee
“Peoples’ Freedom Festival 2023”

What to expect in the coming months: NEWS RELEASE DECEMBER 2022

We want to thank all the members that have stayed on this long, and all members new to Canada Unity. James sent out a feeler message to Canadians a few weeks ago, and wow - did we receive a lot of feedback!

There has been a lot of speculation from the government and the media, so we want to be very clear in our intentions. The messages and expressions of support from Canadians have been strong, and there is a deep desire to gather once again in our capital city to express and celebrate what it means to be a Canadian.

The team has been assembled, and we are researching what possibilities there are for a four-day reunion to celebrate what Canadians accomplished in 2022, both in our country and around the world, with our collective voices.

“I am ready to instruct my team to organize another Team Canada Unity - Convoy for Freedom - #BearHug 🇨🇦 Event... My question to you Canada? Do you want a Nationwide - Team Canada Unity - Convoy for Freedom - #BearHug Reunion Convoy to Ottawa?”

Kind Regards,
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Due to the tremendous amount of feedback we have received, The Bearhug OLIVE BRANCH EDITION Ambassadors & Advisory Steering Committee was formed to discuss the “Peoples’ Freedom Festival.”

It has had its initial meetings, and key factors have been identified.

We realize that suggesting a convoy or trying to reignite the beautiful movement of people in Canada that happened in 2022 is inflammatory for Canada at this time. That being said, and after much consultation with the public, we want to invite you to a reunion and celebration! All of the speakers that were in Ottawa had never had their voices heard publicly before, and many new revelations have happened since. There will be lots of vendors, bouncy castles, and much more! February 19th has been identified as the day that we should hold the main events in Ottawa.

We watched the online chatter, and we had seen discussions amongst friends and the public about people going on their own for the anniversary of the crackdown on the Freedom Convoy. In our view this was not a good idea, and it could even be unsafe. Ideas were being thrown around, but there was no action being taken. No one wanted to risk being the one to initiate a reunion out of fear of government retaliation.

What would you prefer? Having an unorganized migration to Ottawa in January or February, or – to have the olive branch to do it with professional organizations and communication with the authorities, all within the boundaries of the law? This is a family-friendly festival we are planning, not a protest, to honor the Canadians that stood up, and those that are still holding their government accountable.

This is NOT a re-creation.

It is a way for the voices that were not heard on the stage in Ottawa last winter to be heard again, and a way for those who couldn't attend to experience the unified Canadian spirit that the convoy created. Nobody wants a rerun, and that can't happen, but many have expressed support for a commemoration, which is why this committee was created. We want to assure the members of the public, law enforcement, and the government that this will be a peaceful, lawful celebration.

In the meantime, we have been contacted by many asking, "What can we do?"

After James put out his feeler message, the support was obvious. We decided an organized event would be more prudent than a spontaneous one, and a formal planning committee was created.

We have forged incredible alliances with some of the largest like-minded freedom groups across the country, hope many more will contribute! It will be a group unity effort formed by multiple organizations, and while we were willing to initiate the planning for a reunion in February, we are glad for the outpouring of support, and that we won't have to do it alone.

All decisions on how to proceed will go through the committee, and plans will be relayed on to law enforcement. There will be no main leaders for anyone to follow. This is a concentrated group effort. We have many experienced advisors offering their input to ensure that this is a successful event.

We love you and thank you all for your thoughts and feedback.

We would like to talk to more influencers and advisors who are interested in leadership roles to assist us in the planning discussion, to act as good-will ambassadors for the movement.

We have learned much in retrospect about what it takes to gather peacefully en masse, and realize that sadly, the last time we were prejudged by many before our message was heard.

The olive branch is a symbol of peace and reconciliation, and while the government has been unwilling to extend that branch to the protestors who met in Ottawa in the early months of 2022 in the spirit of healing, we are nonetheless willing to extend it to them. We openly invite our elected representatives to attend and partake in the celebration if they so wish.

This reunion is to relay to our government that we still have a right to peaceful, lawful, assembly, and that we will continue to communicate and reach out to them with dignity and honor. All we ask is that our voices be heard.

When the Freedom Convoy was formed, it had already been two long years of watching the fabric of our country be torn apart. The people gathered in protest in ad hoc fashion. Ad hoc, a Latin phrase meaning literally 'to this'. In English, typically signifies a solution for a specific purpose, problem, or task rather than a generalized solution. While many Canadians gathered seeking a solution for their specific purpose in early 2022, we have not found a generalized solution for what ails this country as of yet. We remain divided, not united.

Many lessons were learned. We are much more seasoned now, and we have a better understanding of how to unite to have the types of conversations that need to be had. Our government seems to think they do not have to respond to what is a growing group of Canadians. In fact, they have refused speak directly to us, or to open a dialogue with their own citizens. That is why it is vital that we continue to make ourselves seen and heard. We will not allow ourselves to be silenced.

We invite our government to contact us, and at the least, to have a conversation with us on the issues that are still important to many Canadians, and we would like to extend that invitation to any other groups or associations that would like to participate in discussions on how to heal and reunify our country moving forward. This is not exclusive to supporters. Disagreement is an important part of democracy as well, and anyone is welcome to enter the discussion in a safe

and respectful environment.

This will be a massive undertaking, time is short, there is much to be done, and we want to get people in place as soon as possible to help organize with Canada Unity. We are already coordinating with the City of Ottawa and law enforcement to ensure a safe and entertaining weekend for all. For whatever reason, if you wish to help, please send us your information and a brief description of availability, skills, location, and resources to info@Canada-Unity.com. Write us a letter, and briefly describe why you want to come and what you can help with. We will be vetting ambassadors to the best of our ability before allowing them to assume leadership roles. Bad actors need not apply.

We would like to see this olive branch grow!

Join us! 🌿

Let's show them something new!

Next week, after reviewing the emails of interest, invites to a Zoom meeting will go out.