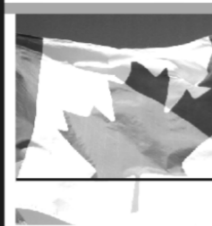


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M.P. Windsor West



WINDSOR WEST UPDATE

Summer 2019

Do you want to help your family, the environment and the well-being of Windsor? If so, you're invited to a public meeting to discuss the creation of a National Urban Park.

What: Discussion on National Urban Parks—the Long-Term Vitality of Ojibway Shores

When: Tuesday, August 27, 2019 6:00—8:00 p.m. Formal presentation 6:30 p.m., Q&A 7:30 p.m.

South Windsor Arena—Capri Pizzeria Complex, 2555 Pulford Rd.

All are welcome. Please RSVP to 519.255.1631 or brian.masse.c1@parl.gc.ca.

Over the last year you have heard me advocate for the long-term protection of Ojibway Shores. This land is home to hundreds of endangered species who rely on the surrounding parks including Black Oak Heritage Park, Ojibway Park, Tallgrass Prairie Park, Ojibway Prairie Provincial Nature Reserve and the Spring Garden Natural Area. These parks combined encompass a vast swath of land in Windsor and should be grouped together for their vitality and preservation.

Come learn about the creation of Rouge National Urban Park, located within Canada's most populated and culturally diverse metropolitan area—Toronto, was the culmination of teamwork and efforts by community leaders and organizations to protect this land in perpetuity, while securing federal funding

The Rouge National Urban Park, Canada's first ever national urban park, positions the country as an international urban conservation leader by creating the world's strongest dedicated legislation for an urban protected area. Now is the time to turn Ojibway Shores and the connecting greenspaces into an Urban National Park.

Come and hear guest speakers about Rouge National Urban Park and other national and local environmental organizations who will discuss the importance of keeping the Ojibway Shores preserved for the long-term by working to combine our parks as a National Urban Park. I hope to see you there.

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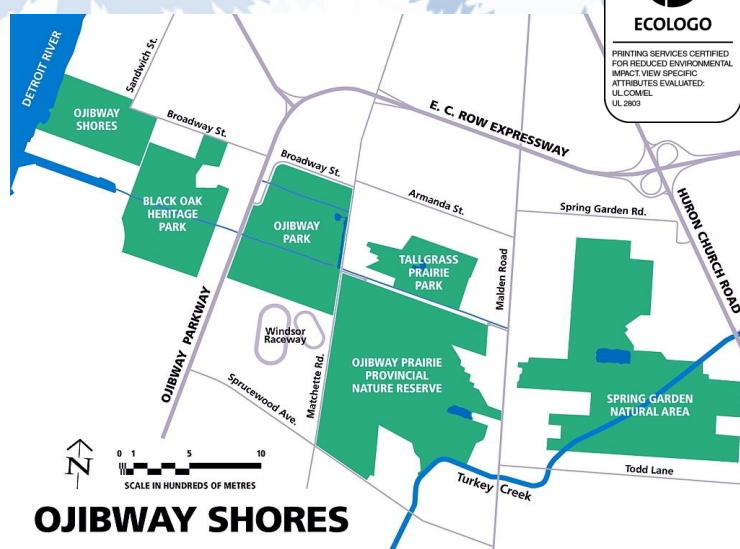
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In Parliament

Hansard—May 7, 2019

Ojibway Shores

Mr. Brian Masse (Windsor West, NDP):

Mr. Speaker, the United Nations report on endangered species hits close to home in my riding, Windsor West.

The Ojibway Shores, the last remaining stretch of natural shoreline on the Detroit River and home to over 160 species, has been at the centre of a battle to protect our environment. We stopped the clear-cutting of trees and dumping on this pristine piece of nature. I have asked the government many times to protect this public property, and all I have received is excuse after excuse, no real action.

The UN was clear: Different choices get better results.

Why will the Prime Minister not protect Ojibway Shores? Why is the real action zero?

Hon. Marc Garneau (Minister of Transport, Lib.):

Mr. Speaker, the Ojibway Shores is property of the Windsor Port Authority. I would encourage the City of Windsor to speak with the Windsor Port Authority with respect to the future of Ojibway Shores.



In 2017, Brian Masse called on the government to transfer Ojibway Shores back to federal property in order to protect it for the long-term.

Masse wrote the federal government and proposed a plan to transfer stewardship of Ojibway Shores to Environment Canada, where it can be managed by a Department equipped to exercise appropriate stewardship over the land:

“I am proposing that the federal government remove Ojibway Shores from under the management of the Windsor Port Authority and move it to Environment Canada. This is a simple administrative process that could happen quite easily and would cost the community nothing. The benefits for the Government, the community and even the Port are immeasurable. Environment Canada is the proper steward given the resources at its disposal that will protect Ojibway Shores’ biodiversity.”



Ojibway Shores Natural Heritage Inventory/Evaluation



Want to learn more about the endangered species at Ojibway Shores? The above report details the most recent evaluation of species in the greenspace.

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