

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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MASSE DEMANDS THE GOVERN-MENT PROTECT OJIBWAY SHORES AFTER YEARS OF DELAYS

Begin the process of establishing a National Urban Park

(Ottawa) - Today, Brian Masse M.P. (Windsor West), NDP Innovation,



Photo: Brian Masse with local environmental leaders in 2013 working to preserve Ojibway Shores.

Science, Economic Development and Auto Critic, in the House of Commons during Question Period demanded that the government finally act after years of delays and protect Ojibway Shores permanently. Masse stated, "Mr. Speaker, the United Nations report on endangered species hits close to home in my riding of Windsor West. In Windsor Essex the Ojibway Shores, the last remaining stretch of natural shoreline, home to over 160 rare species has been at the center of a battle to protect our environment. We stopped the clearing cutting of trees and dumping on this pristine piece of nature. I have asked the government many times to protect this public property. All I have gotten is excuse after excuse after excuse. The UN was clear, with different choices, we can get better results. Why does the Prime Minister lack the courage to protect Ojibway Shores?"

In an October 2017 letter to the Environment Minister and the Transport Minister, Masse wrote, that since Ojibway Shores is a federal property currently under the management of the Windsor Port Authority (WPA) he requested that the Government of Canada transfer the management of this property from under the WPA to Environment Canada for permanent protection.

The Letter outlined the land transfer process the government needed to follow in detail. Today, in a subsequent letter to the Environment Minister, Masse reiterated the demand to protect Ojibway shores and begin the process of designating it, along with adjacent natural areas, as a national urban park. "This group of natural properties would protect the entire area for these endangered species that rely on all of this space for their survival for the long-term and preserve this essential part of our natural heritage," Masse stated.