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WINDSOR WEST UPDATE

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**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](mailto: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

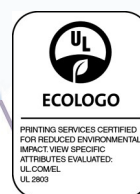
The Rouge National Urban Park, Canada's first ever national urban park, positions the country as an international urban conservation leader by creating the world's strongest dedicated legislation for an urban protected area. Now is the time to turn Ojibway Shores and the connecting greenspaces into an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

*Brian Masse*

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-  Reducing flooding
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-  Improving quality of life
-  Protecting endangered species



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# Masse urges government action on protecting Ojibway Shores

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Local MP Brian Masse is once again pushing for the protection of Ojibway Shores — the last untouched parcel of riverfront land within the city of Windsor.

The 33-acre site on the city's far west end is controlled by the Windsor Port Authority — under federal jurisdiction — and in recent years has been the source of debate on whether to declare the land protected green space in perpetuity.

During question period in the House of Commons on Tuesday, Masse (NDP—Windsor West) called on the Trudeau government to end speculation and protect the site.

Ojibway Shores, which sits adjoined to several other protected Ojibway complex sites, is cited by environmentalists as a critical link to the Detroit River for species and wildlife.

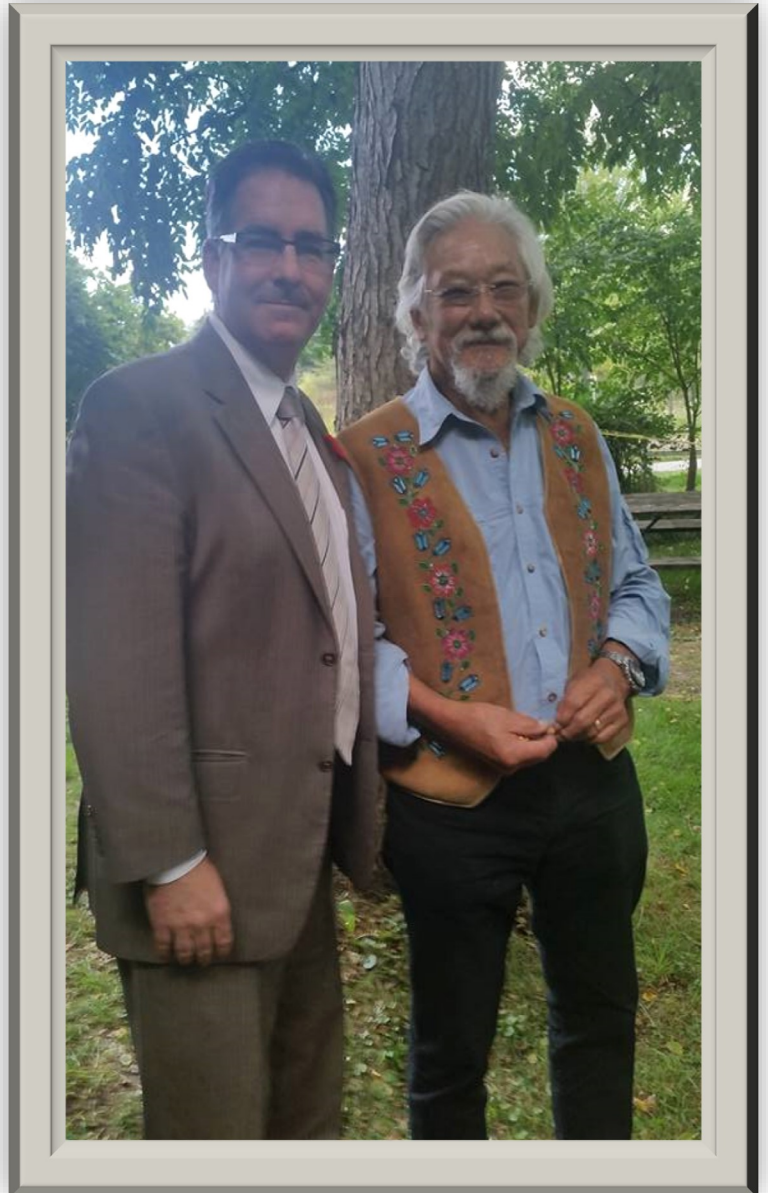
Masse cited this week's United Nations endangered species report which revealed how one million species presently face extinction due to human behaviours and industry.

"Mr. Speaker, the United Nations report on endangered species hits close to home in my riding of Windsor West," Masse said in the House. "In Windsor Essex, Ojibway Shores, the last remaining stretch of natural shoreline, home to over 160 rare species, has been at the centre of a battle to protect our environment.

"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 October, 2017, Masse issued a letter to the federal environment and transportation ministers calling for the transfer of management of the property to Environment Canada so it could be permanently protected. That has not occurred.

In another letter this week to the federal environment minister, Masse called for Ojibway Shores and all other adjoining protected Ojibway lands to be designated as a national urban park.



Brian Masse with Canadian Environmental Leader David Suzuki.