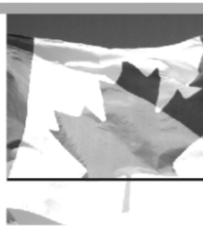


# Brian MASSE

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](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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-  Increasing health & wellness
-  Reducing flooding
-  Promoting eco-tourism
-  Improving quality of life
-  Protecting endangered species



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# Masse, On Your Side



Ojibway Shores site as seen on the Windsor Port Authority's website.

## Masse fights to protect Ojibway Shores

CTV Windsor

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The New Democrat MP for Windsor West wants the federal government to transfer stewardship of Ojibway Shores from the Windsor Port Authority to Environment Canada.

Brian Masse stood up in the House of Commons on Wednesday and said the move would ensure the sustainability of the 33 acre parcel of land.

Ojibway Shores is owned by the federal government but it is currently under the management of the Windsor Port Authority.

Masse claims after failed attempts to develop the property for commercial interests, the WPA has proposed publicly that it would lease the property for \$10-million over 30 years.

Masse says the Port wants to be compensated through the Community Benefits fund that is proposed for the Gordie Howe International Bridge. But he says this fund is meant to offset economic and environmental degradation of Sandwich Towne and the broader community related to the border.

He doesn't like the idea of using taxpayer dollars to pay the WPA.

"The suggestion that Community Benefits meant to mitigate the significant impacts of hosting crucial international border infrastructure in an historic neighbourhood should be used to acquire land the public already owns is in a word – offensive" said Masse. "Those funds are intended to be spent on restoring neighbourhoods like Sandwich Towne. The WPA's suggestion is predatory."

Environmentalists in the region argue Ojibway Shores is extremely significant environmental land providing habitat rare fauna and flora as well as species-at-risk.

Masse has written the federal government outlining 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 land holding critical environmental significance.

"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.

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