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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

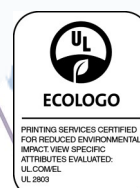
The Rouge National Urban Park, Canada's first ever national urban park, positions the country as an international urban conservation leader by creating the world's strongest dedicated legislation for an urban protected area. Now is the time to turn Ojibway Shores and the connecting greenspaces into an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



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# Our Community Benefits



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## Masse Continues Fight To Preserve Ojibway Shores

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The battle over an environmentally sensitive piece of land in west Windsor continues.

Fearing that the land will be developed, Windsor West MP Brian Masse wants Ojibway Shores transferred to Environment Canada or the city. The federal minister of transport says it's a local decision to be made by the Windsor Port Authority Board of Directors.

Masse says the port authority, which controls the land, can save at least \$2.1-million over the next 30 years by transferring it.

"The community will not allow Ojibway Shores to be bulldozed and razed to the ground, similar to what they tried to do a number of years ago with a proposal to do a plaza development," says Masse.

The port authority says it costs \$70,000 a year to maintain the ecologically significant land and it generates no revenue from this parcel. It recently proposed to lease the property to the community for 30 years at a cost of \$10-million to \$12-million.

Masse is urging the port authority to save Ojibway Shores by transferring the land.

"Environment Canada provides the swiftest and quickest way to deal with it and leaves it in an environmental state. I understand the City of Windsor has had some interest in it and I wouldn't stand in the way of that," Masse says.

The MP says the port authority lists the land as available for commercial development despite its ecological significance.

"Sure they can have a fantasy land buyer that's going to be out there for \$14-million, which they claim, but that hasn't come to fruition. So, they can do the right thing right now," says Masse.

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