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**MASSE DEMANDS THE GOVERNMENT 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, 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?”*

Ojibway Shores is a vital 33-acre greenspace and the last remaining, undeveloped natural shoreline in Windsor-Detroit. It is home to hundreds of endangered species that rely on migration through surrounding local parks for survival. This includes Ojibway Park, Spring Garden Natural Area, Black Oak Heritage Park, and the Tallgrass Prairie Park. 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.

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