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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
-  Promoting eco-tourism
-  Improving quality of life
-  Protecting endangered species



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# Save Ojibway Shores

## Windsor MP wants Port Authority to give up management of Ojibway Shores

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Windsor West MP Brian Masse wants the Windsor Port Authority to transfer control of Ojibway Shores to Environment Canada or to the city of Windsor.

The 13-hectare natural area on the west side of Windsor is considered an ecological gem and is currently being managed by the Windsor Port Authority. Last month, the Detroit River Canadian Cleanup, a local environmental group said they wanted the site protected.

Marc Garneau, the Minister of Transport, which owns the land, provided Masse with a letter saying the Windsor Port Authority has legal and administrative autonomy to determine its own course of action.

The letter closes, stating: "I encourage all stakeholders and interested parties to continue working together toward a consensus that will benefit all involved."

Masse said the Windsor Port Authority could do two things. First, he said if it transferred the land it would be able to save money.

"It's going to cost them money by keeping the property," said Masse. "By their own figures it's costing them some \$70,000 to do that."

Second, by giving the property to either the city or Environment Canada, he said the land could make a "wonderful gateway to the Gordie Howe bridge." As well, this could open it up to potential tourism, recreation and possible research in environmental works.

Masse said he has written the board of directors for the Windsor Port Authority asking that it act on this.

Concerned residents are rallying behind Masse. Tom Henderson is the chair of the Detroit River Canadian Cleanup. He said the group he represents doesn't care how it's done, they just want the area protected.

"We're asking Minister Garneau in his capacity as minister to require the Port Authority to keep it green forever," he said.



Brian Masse asking the federal Minister to transfer Ojibway Shores for long-term protection.

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