Chaudière can become heart, soul of Ottawa

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Re: Vision for future at Chaudière Falls, Aug. 26.

I agree with Phil Weir's letter and laud the Citizen editorial ("Chaudière Falls: Mist clears, Aug. 17) for encouraging the National Capital Commission "to secure the Domtar lands." and study the feasibility and capacity of the falls lands for development.

Many times I have ridden my bike across the Chaudière Bridge and along side of the falls and admired the beauty, but lamented the ugliness of the nearby buildings. This naturally beautiful site could become the heart and soul of Ottawa, a place of quiet reflection, a peace garden that honours our history and becomes a focus point of the national capital.

I urge the NCC and the cities of Ottawa and Gatineau, the decision makers and even philanthropists to seize the moment, listen to the Algonquin elder William Commanda and implement a plan to give us back this natural wonder.

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