

From: Teresa Trollope
Sent: Wednesday, October 01, 2014 9:56 AM
To: Zwierzchowski, Christopher
Cc: Nguyen, Hieu
Subject: Chaudiere Islands rezoning hearing - Submission

Hello Mr. Zwierzchowski,

I was born and raised in Ottawa. I am a long time resident, currently living near Asinabka.

I would like to see Grandfather William Commanda's vision for the Chaudière Site realized, including Douglas Cardinal's building. Windmill can develop other lands, but such a special location like the Chaudière Islands and Asinabka can exist nowhere else. Realizing Grandfather Commanda's vision would go a long way to righting some wrongs committed so long ago. The area near the Chaudière Falls should be parkland with minimal permanent development, accessible to all. Is it possible that the sounds of the city would be drowned by the noise of the falls? It would provide respite and a valuable tourist attraction in the midst of our gem of a nation's capital.

Let's free the falls, and create a beautiful place for all to visit.

Migwetch. Thank you. Merci.

Teresa D. Trollope

From: Heather W.
Sent: Monday, September 29, 2014 11:47 PM
To: Zwierzchowski, Christopher
Subject: RESEND: Chaudiere Island Rezoning

Hello,

I oppose the rezoning of Chaudiere and Albert islands for mixed use development. I cannot attend the meeting on Thu Oct 2 at 9:30am to speak but this is my official written opposition.

All the islands (Albert, Chaudiere, Wright and Victoria) should be declared a historic site, or preferably an aboriginal historic site, or both. All the islands are of historical and cultural/spiritual significance and should be returned as closely as possible to their natural state for all people to enjoy. The area could be a major tourist site if the falls were freed, as a natural pipe bowl would emerge with the mist rising up like the smoke from a sacred pipe. It doesn't make sense to have a dam in the middle of a city and many cities across North America are moving away from this. Also, the portage routes of the early voyagers and settlers could be developed as historic walking trails for everyone to enjoy. Hence the dual designation as an aboriginal or national heritage site and the draw as a major tourist area for both aboriginal people and all people to enjoy.

It doesn't make sense to change it to a mixed use area. This would increase traffic during primetime on an already over taxed bridge with additional commuters. Changing it to a tourist area would only add additional traffic during off peak hours like weekends and evenings.

Developing it as a residential/commercial area would continue to block the skyline, reducing the enjoyment of the potential beauty of the area.

Lastly, I question the safety of developing it as a residential and commercial area with fast moving waters running beside the islands. Having families with children running around on the islands, and drinking establishments with potentially drunk people walking around is dangerous. It's like an accident waiting to happen. Someone could drown! Also, drinking establishments shouldn't exist on sacred lands.

Thank you.

Heather Wiggs
Ottawa

From: Deborah Wilkins |
Sent: Wednesday, October 01, 2014 2:27 PM
To: Zwierzchowski, Christopher
Subject: Re Booth St rezoning hearing tomorrow

Dear Councillors and City Staff,

I am writing to express my serious concern over the proposed rezoning of the lands on Chaudiere Island.

I am surprised and disturbed by the speed with which the city is proceeding on this matter. That the meeting taking place on October 2 was not more clearly publicized, frankly appalls me.

Chadiere and Victoria Islands are not simply undeveloped lands, nor are they simply private lands ripe for redevelopment. They have a rich history that needs to be addressed in making any decision. There are many who should be heard beyond the city before we make a decision.

These islands were the sacred meeting place of the Anishinaabe peoples (a group of related nations that includes the Algonquins of Ontario and Quebec and stretches from the Rocky Mountains to Hudson Bay to Virginia). These people have never signed a treaty ceding lands. That Chaudiere is leased Crown land, does not take away aboriginal title that is still under negotiation with the federal government.

The Windmill project is inconsistent with returning these lands to the Algonquin.

The falls, currently contained by a hydro-electric dam were once a natural wonder that was said to rival Niagara for its majesty. Lobbying is ongoing to change the dam and free the falls. It would have a great benefit in efforts to rehabilitate the River as a natural habitat for fish on the brink of extinction, including the sturgeon and the American eel. It would also draw people to the Island to view the massive "caldron" falls. It will be many years before this can be accomplished but this does not mean it should be discounted.

The Windmill project is inconsistent with returning the falls to a natural state.

The Windmill project is also inconsistent with the visions of two great Canadians for the the Islands.

Pierre Elliott Trudeau had a vision for the circle of lands along Ottawa River from Chaudiere Falls to Major's Hill Park on both the Ottawa and Hull side of the river. Park land, Parliament, Museums. This area is Canada's equivalent of the National Mall in Washington D.C. The fact that not all the lands along this stretch of the River are not governed by the NCC does not exempt the city from creating a vision for itself as the nation's capital. It is inconceivable that Americans would countenance condos in the green space on the Mall. How can we consider redeveloping lands that have fallen into disuse as private residences rather than reclaiming them to the benefit of the city and the country?

Grandfather William Commanda had a vision for the lands to serve not only the Algonquin or even only Canadian, but the world as an international peace centre. Windmill tells us that their plans are consistent with that vision. *They are not*. Grandfather William wanted the Domtar lands to be re-naturalized to serve as an example of how human beings can live in peace with nature itself.

Making Chaudiere Island into a revitalized natural space would give Ottawa a central green space equivalent of Vancouver's Stanley Park and New York's Central Park. How can our National Capital not embrace such a concept?

Then we should consider the practicalities of the size and scope of the Windmill proposal. How do we expect the thousands of people they are planning to put on the island to live without causing untold pressure on the downtown infrastructure? Where will they park? How will they commute off the island?

Please, please put the decision off for larger consultation and a more open forum.

Deborah Wilkins

From: Sarah Willbond
Sent: Wednesday, October 01, 2014 2:20 PM
To: Zwierzchowski, Christopher
Cc: Nguyen, Hieu
Subject: Chaudiere falls and Islands are a sacred site!

Dear Christopher,

Please listen to the heart of this city, the ancient ones, the ancestors of this land, the people. The people who have a vision that is fit for all beings.

The late great William Commanda had a vision for this sacred space. One that will bring healing and peace to many.

Please make the right decision, and not feed the greed machine that has seduced so many.

What we as a people need is a place for ALL to gather, and heal. We don't need more condos on stolen land! Condos that pollute and only serve the few.

This is important to many, That a place of healing is considered first for this land.

It is important to me.

Take into consideration the tax payers, the community, the elders, the environment, and those that speak for the many who have no voice.

Do the right thing!

This land is better off keeping with William Commanda's vision of healing for all. Let's preserve the few natural native areas left in our city.

Be a part of healing our future, and creating helpful resources for our present.

Thank you for hearing me, In solidarity with healing humanity's and the earths scars.

Let's do the right thing,

Sincerely,

Sarah Willbond

From: Moiya Wright
Sent: Wednesday, October 01, 2014 4:32 PM
To: Zwierzchowski, Christopher
Subject: moiya wright re Chaudiere Island

Presentation to the Ottawa City Planning Committee re the Chaudiere & Albert Islands

First of all I believe that when the Westeinde brothers first started to build the infills in Ottawa they did very good work. If this grandiose Windmill development with its green buildings was going to happen somewhere else I might think that it is great. But it is certainly not great for the Chaudiere and Albert Islands

I know how I feel about the islands, and I have read what other people have said. Lindsey Landry, who told me about your meeting, has done a lot of research. I have mainly just had my heart.

Since I came to the Ottawa district in 1952 I have been amazed at the beauty of the river and its islands. I wonder at the river which, in all its majesty, is what is left of an ancient sea. Since 1952 I have believed that one day the buildings on the islands would close down and that we would keep the most historic ones to remind us of all that they did for us. I believed that the NCC would then let the cleared land grow green again on its own. The Falls would be unleashed and we would be able to join the Algonquins in celebration. It never occurred to me that the government would not want to see all this happen

Now the negatives (or perhaps some positives)

I firmly believe that the river does not belong to us. The water flows past us and it is up to us to clean up any mess that we put into it. In fact I don't believe that the islands in the river belong to us. They belong to the river. One day the river may rise and flood the entire area. The enormous amount of building that Windmill has in mind is suddenly too much and the base of the island is not what they thought it would be. Windmill talks about everything being 'green'. People I talk to think that Windmill means environmentally green with lots of parkland. But the plan seems to show just buildings with little or no grass. The dirt and refuse will be washed from the site by rain and flow into the river.

There are many more questions that need answers.

PLEASE DO NOT CHANGE THE ZONING AT THIS TIME - GIVE IT A LOT MORE THOUGHT.

Moiya Wright.