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From: pm@pm.gc.ca
Subject: Office of the Prime Minister / Cabinet du Premier ministre
Date: January 4, 2007 12:42:21 PM EST (CA)
To: circleofallnations@sympatico.ca
Cc: minister@inac.gc.ca, minister@pwgsc.gc.ca,
mintc@tc.gc.ca, rona.ambrose@ec.gc.ca

Dear Romola Trebilcock on behalf of Elder Commanda:

On behalf of the Right Honourable Stephen Harper, I would like to acknowledge receipt of your e-mail.

Thank you for writing to the Prime Minister. You may be assured that your comments have been carefully reviewed and are appreciated. I have taken the liberty of forwarding copies of this correspondence to those Ministers most closely associated with this issue.

Thank you for writing the Prime Minister.

P. Monteith
Executive Correspondence Officer
for the Prime Minister's Office
Agent de correspondance
de la haute direction
pour le Cabinet du Premier ministre

From : Circle of All Nations circleofallnations@sympatico.ca Received
: 21 Dec 2006 02:09:09 PM >>>

Attention:

P. Monteith
Executive Correspondence Officer
for the Prime Minister's Office
Agent de correspondance
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pour le Cabinet du Premier ministre

Elder William Commanda would like to bring this project proposal to the attention of the Honourable Prime Minister.

You will note that we are also alerting the other federal leaders to this proposal, since he sees it as having potential interest to all parties.

It is recognized that the work for such an initiative spans many jurisdictions. We shall also be writing to key ministries, and other parties, and will keep you apprised accordingly.

The key note is entitled BN for PMDec 21.

Other notes on this file are also attached for your review.

Elder Commanda may be reached through this email account.

We thank you for your consideration of this file.

Elder Commanda extends his best wishes for the holiday season.

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Romola V. Trebilcock

on behalf of Elder William Commnada

From: Lt.Gov@ltg.gov.on.ca
Subject: RE: URGENT: Re: Domtar Inc.'s Project to Redevelop the Hydroelectric Potential of the Existing Chaudière Island Site in Ottawa
Date: January 11, 2007 2:07:42 PM EST (CA)
To: romolatrebilcock@sympatico.ca

We are in receipt of your e-message to the Honourable James K. Bartleman, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario.

Given His Honour's non-partisan and non-political role as The Queen's representative in Ontario, neither he nor his office can comment on the issues you raised in your message.

Glenda Milrod
Research and Correspondence Coordinator
Office of the Lieutenant Governor of Ontario
Main Legislative Building
Queen's Park
Toronto, Ontario
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From: Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities / Ministre des Transports, MINTC@tc.gc.ca
Subject: Chaudières Falls
Date: February 1, 2007 11:43:46 AM EST (CA)
To: circleofallnations@sympatico.ca

Mr. William Commanda
Algonquin Elder
Founder, Circle of All Nations
circleofallnations@sympatico.ca

Dear Mr. Commanda:

Thank you for your correspondence of January 5, 2007, regarding your proposal for a national historic centre at Chaudières Falls in Ottawa.

As you know, the National Capital Commission's (NCC's) mandate is to prepare plans for and to assist in the development, conservation and improvement of the National Capital Region. The Plan for Canada's Capital is a key planning document that is available on the NCC's website at www.ncc.gc.ca/bins/ncc_web_content_page.asp?cid=16300-20443-29387-22707&lang=1. This document recognizes the importance of Chaudières Island to the NCC's future vision for the Capital; however, it is important to note that the Island and Falls are currently owned by Domtar Inc.

On December 21, 2006, the NCC Mandate Review Panel presented its report to me. The report contains 31 wide-ranging recommendations to enhance the NCC. While the report recommends that the NCC focus on Ottawa's core, it does not specifically address Chaudières Island. Should you wish to view the report, it is available on the NCC's website at www.mandatccn.ca/en/index.php.

As a Crown corporation, the NCC operates at arm's length from the federal government. The Commission is responsible for the management of its own operations in accordance with its enabling legislation, the National Capital Act. As Minister responsible for the NCC, my role is to determine the broad policy direction of the Commission while respecting its operational autonomy in other matters. Given the arm's-length relationship that the NCC has with the government, I have taken the liberty of forwarding a copy of your correspondence to Mrs. Heather Chiasson, Vice-Chairperson of the NCC, for her consideration.

I trust that the foregoing will be of assistance. Thank you for writing.

Yours truly,

The Honourable Lawrence Cannon, P.C., M.P.

c.c. Mrs. Heather Chiasson

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Dr. William Commanda
Algonquin Elder
c/o Ms. Romola Trebilcock
Circle of All Nations
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Dear Dr. Commanda:

This is in response to your correspondence of January 5, 2007, sent on your behalf by Ms. Romola Trebilcock, requesting a meeting with the Honourable Jim Prentice to discuss your proposal for an Aboriginal Centre at Victoria Island.

The Minister has asked me to convey his thanks for keeping him apprised of your progress in this initiative. While he noted the proposal's vision and scope, as you may be aware, initiatives of this kind fall within the mandate of Public Works and Government Services Canada. I have, therefore, taken the liberty of forwarding a copy of your letter, and of this response, to the Honourable Michael Fortier, for his consideration.

I trust that this action is of assistance to you.

Sincerely,
Original signed by
a signé l'original

Jean-Sébastien Rioux
Chief of Staff

c.c.: The Honourable Michael M. Fortier, PC, MP

From: Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities / Ministre des Transports, MINTC@tc.gc.ca

Subject: Chaudières Falls

Date: February 28, 2007 10:22:39 AM EST (CA)

To: circleofallnations@sympatico.ca

Ms. Romola V. Trebilcock
circleofallnations@sympatico.ca

Dear Ms. Trebilcock:

The Prime Minister's Office has forwarded to the Honourable Lawrence Cannon, Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities, a copy of your correspondence of December 21, 2006, regarding Mr. William Commanda's proposal for the development of a project at Chaudières Falls. Minister Cannon has asked me to reply on his behalf.

As a Crown corporation, the National Capital Commission (NCC) operates at arm's length from the federal government. The NCC is responsible for managing its operations in accordance with its enabling legislation, the National Capital Act. Minister Cannon's role, as Minister responsible for the NCC, is to determine the NCC's broad policy direction while respecting the Corporation's operational autonomy in other matters, such as the management of the Capital Infocentre. I have therefore taken the liberty of forwarding a copy of your letter to Ms. Heather Chiasson, Vice Chairperson of the NCC, for her consideration.

The NCC's mandate is to design, build, maintain and preserve the National Capital Region to ensure that the region inspires pride in Canadians. The Plan for Canada's Capital is a key document and is available on the NCC's website at www.ncc.gc.ca. This document recognizes the importance of Chaudières Island to the vision for the capital. However, I should note that the Island and Falls are the property of Domtar Inc.

The NCC Mandate Review Panel presented its report to Minister Cannon on December 21, 2006. The report includes 31 broad recommendations to enhance the NCC; however, the report's focus was on improving the core of the capital. As the Panel's 31 recommendations were general and were focused on developing the core, the report does not specifically mention Chaudières Island. The report is available on the NCC's website at www.mandatccn.ca/en/index.php.

Thank you for writing to the federal government.

Yours truly,

Andrew Walasek
Special Assistant - Ontario

c.c. Ms. Heather Chiasson

Mr. William Commanda
Algonquin Elder
Founder, Circle of All Nations

Dear Elder Commanda:

I have received a copy of your e-mail dated January 5, 2007, addressed to the Honourable Lawrence Cannon, concerning your vision for the Chaudière Falls and surrounding Islands area. As Acting Chairperson of the National Capital Commission (NCC), I find your proposal very interesting. I am aware of proposals for the Aboriginal Centre at the eastern end of Victoria Island, and of the importance of the overall area to aboriginal peoples, in particular the Algonquin First Nations of the Ottawa Valley area.

I agree with your observation that the realization of your vision would require a 'strong and national collective will and leadership to actualize'. The NCC is one player in this future deliberation and exploration, and you identified other federal departments that are important to this exercise. I would like to reinforce the commitment made by the NCC's Chief Operating Officer, Ms. Micheline Dubé, to seek an early meeting for you and the new NCC Chief Executive Officer in order that you may present your concept in more detail.

While precise dates are unknown at this time to fill the new Chairperson position, we will ensure that a meeting with you is one of the next Chairperson's priorities.

Thank you again for sharing your visionary proposal, and I hope that I have the opportunity to meet you in the future.

Yours sincerely,

Heather Chiasson
Acting Chairperson

----- Original Message -----

From: <Minister of Transport>; <Infrastructure and Communities / Ministre des Transports>; "de l'infrastructure et des Collectivités" <MINTC@tc.gc.ca>
To: <mentalite@maisonechelon.ca>
Cc: <PRENTICE.J@PARL.GC.CA>
Sent: Friday, March 02, 2007 10:49 AM
Subject: Chaudières Falls

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The office of the Honourable Jim Prentice, Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development and Federal Interlocutor for Métis and Non-Status Indians, has provided the Honourable Lawrence Cannon, Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities, with a copy of your correspondence of February 5, 2007, regarding Dr. William Commanda's proposal for the development of a project at Chaudières Falls. Minister Cannon has asked me to reply on his behalf.

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would invite you to consult the report on the NCC's website at www.mandatccn.ca/en/index.php.

Thank you for writing to the federal government.

Yours truly,

Jean-Carol Pelletier
Regional Affairs Director - Quebec

c.c. Office of the Honourable Jim Prentice, P.C., M.P.
Ms. Heather Chiasson

From: <dmcguinty@premier.gov.on.ca>
Date: March 16, 2007 2:55:29 PM EDT (CA)
Subject: **An e-mail from the Premier of Ontario**

Thanks for your online message regarding William Commanda's proposal for a special national historic centre at Chaudière Falls. I appreciate the time you took to write to me.

As your comments would also interest my colleague the Honourable David Ramsay, Minister Responsible for Aboriginal Affairs, I've sent a copy of your correspondence to him for his information. I trust the minister will also take your views into consideration.

Thanks again for contacting me.

Dalton McGuinty
Premier of Ontario

c: The Honourable David Ramsay

From: "MIN Feedback (MNR)" <minister.mnr@ontario.ca>
To: <mentalite@maisonechelon.ca>
Sent: Monday, March 26, 2007 3:23 PM
Subject: Email Message from Minister Ramsay

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[mentalite@maisonechelon.ca]

Premier Dalton McGuinty has forwarded to me your e-mail regarding Dr. William Commanda's initiative to develop Chaudiere/Victoria Islands as an Aboriginal site. I commend you on your thoughtful engagement in matters that affect Aboriginal peoples' lives.

Dr. Commanda has presented a copy of the proposal directly to the Premier, who has shared the proposal with me. It presents a number of complex challenges that need to be considered, as the proposal requires the involvement of many different parties, both private and public. I have taken the liberty of forwarding your e-mail to my colleagues at the Ministries of Environment, Culture, and Tourism for their information. Please be assured that the Ontario Secretariat for Aboriginal Affairs will monitor all the future developments.

Thank you for writing.

Sincerely,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY

Hon. David Ramsay
Minister

c: Premier Dalton McGuinty
The Honourable James Bartleman, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario
The Honourable Lauren Broten, Minister of the Environment
The Honourable Caroline Di Cocco, Minister of Culture
The Honourable Jim Bradley, Minister of Tourism

On behalf of the Right Honourable Stephen Harper, I would like to thank you for your e-mail regarding Chaudiere Island.

You may be assured that your comments have been given careful consideration. As they will also be of interest to the Honourable Michael Fortier, Minister of Public Works and Government Services, and the Honourable Jim Prentice, Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, I have taken the liberty of forwarding copies of your message to them. I am certain that the Ministers will give your views every consideration.

Thank you for taking the time to share your views with the Prime Minister on this important issue.

P. Monteith
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