

Letter to His Excellency

His Excellency the Right Honourable David Johnston
Governor General of Canada
Rideau Hall
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Greetings, Your Excellency,

Re: Legacy Vision for the *Asinabka* Sacred Chaudiere Site as articulated by the late Algonquin Elder, Dr. William Commanda, OC

Many factors, including the flooding throughout the Ottawa River Watershed, compel *Circle of All Nations* to write to Her Majesty, the Queen, in this regard. Elder Commanda himself wrote to the Queen and the former Governor General, the Right Honourable Michae□lle Jean, about his fully inclusive legacy vision for a global eco-peace centre on his ancestral lands at the Sacred Chaudiere Site on May 8, 2009. He first drew this vision to the attention of Former Governor General, the Right Honourable Adrienne Clarkson, in May 2000, during his *Circle of All Nations* Millennium Peace Gathering at Nepean Point.

You may be aware of discussions regarding rezoning and development plans at the *Asinabka* Sacred Chaudiere Site, which have been contested formally by multiple parties since 2014. Several parties are actively engaged in challenging privatization at this unique geological, heritage, sacred, historical site in the National Capital Region, one long acknowledged as a critical meeting place for well over seven thousand years.

We had hoped that documentation of its potential value as a Unesco World Heritage Site, and its alignment with other globally significant meeting places of civilization might have helped resolve the challenges positively over the past two years, but this has not manifested yet. In view of the turmoil of the Ottawa River herself, and other factors, including the critical national challenges on the Indigenous front, environmental crises, and global warfare and violence, we are bringing this matter to the attention of Her Majesty again, since in a very real way, it is associated with the Honour of the Crown.

We are attaching our May 29, 2017 letter to the Queen and the correspondence from 2009 to the Queen and the Right Honourable Michae□lle Jean. We are also including a 2016 *Circle of All Nations* Report on William Commanda's water stewardship work for your information; a foremost voice on behalf of Mother Earth, nationally since 1987, he long bemoaned the ceaseless tree cutting in his homeland, noting that these would not be available to absorb water: by comparison with May 2016's 22 cm of rain, we have had 172 cm thus far this May, and flooding continues to create challenges across the Ottawa River Watershed.

We would be grateful for any assistance you maybe able to offer in this challenging work.

In view of the urgency of our concerns, by way of a second email, MESSAGE TWO, we are requesting that your office forward our correspondence to Her Majesty by email - we would be most grateful if this could be accommodated.

Your Excellency, you met Elder Commanda's daughter, Evelyn Commanda Dewache in 2014; she joins me in thanking you for all your hard work on behalf of Canadians, and in sending you our very best wishes.

Thank you for your consideration and leadership.

Sincerely,

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