

**2014 November 14 Message to City of Gatineau from Romola regarding Windmill Consultation in the City of Gatineau**

Greetings,

I hope all is well with you and the colleagues.

I am writing regarding the Windmill Development meeting, “Redevelopment of the Chaudiere Falls Region”, at the City of Gatineau, November 13, 2014.

As you know, I have supported the work of late Algonquin Elder William Commanda since 1997, pro bono, and I continue to advance his Circle of All Nations and other legacy work, including at the Sacred Chaudiere Site. I am presently doing doctoral studies at Carleton University, studying his discourse and legacy.

I have been following the Windmill Development plans for the area over the past year; and since June, 2014, have written several papers on Grandfather Commanda’s vision for this ancestral meeting place of tremendous spiritual, historical and ecological importance:

- \* I was particularly interested in the recent archaeological finds at Rue Cartier, because they attest to the tremendous importance of this area, dating back to at least 6,000 years; I am sorry that that discussion did not evolve smoothly;

- \* Inspired by these artifacts, I researched UNESCO and other UNITED NATIONS provisions for Heritage Sites, Sacred Sites and Indigenous Sites - I share my finding in my reports;

- \* I have written several times to Domtar to facilitate the return of Chaudiere and Amelia Islands for the manifestation of the William Commanda vision for the ancestral site; and I invite Domtar and the corporate world, including Windmill, to help animate the William Commanda Legacy of tremendous national and international significance, even more urgent now in the context of the critical issues of our times (peace building, climate change and environmental degradation, and Indigenous rights and aspirations);

- \* I trace the footsteps of William Commanda's direct ancestors to these island at the time of the arrival of Philomen Wright, and note that he and his descendants are the rightful heirs to the site; I question the Domtar “ownership” of the Chaudiere and Amelia Islands; and

- \* I have discussed these matters with Windmill Development and others;

- \* I am also addressing these concerns to the federal government.

Since Grandfather Commanda’s specific vision for the area is for the Sacred Chaudiere Falls and the Islands, I have not raised objections to Windmill plans for development on the North Shore of the Ottawa River in my reports.

I have raised objections to the City of Ottawa’s decision to rezone Chaudiere and Amelia

Island from open space to permit mixed use development and privatization and condo development on a precious part of the National Capital Region; and I have appealed the decision to the Ontario Municipal Board. William Commanda's daughter, Evelyn Commanda Dewache and his nieces, Mary Daisy Commanda Jacko and Biola Smith, and other Circle of All Nations colleagues are engaged in this appeal.

All documentation of this recent work is available on our website, [www.asinabka.com](http://www.asinabka.com). I would be happy to send specific and pertinent documents to you directly but some of the files are large. I also welcome the opportunity to discuss this matter further with you. I am attaching the original bilingual note we prepared many years ago describing this William Commanda proposal and legacy vision. Additional information of the work of William Commanda is available at [www.circleofallnations.ca](http://www.circleofallnations.ca).

Thank you for your consideration of the matters I raise in this correspondence. We need tremendous reconciliation, negotiation, good will and integrity from all sectors to advance the ancient peace building energy animated by William Commanda at the Sacred Chaudiere Site and elsewhere, consistent with the Three Figure Welcoming Wampum Belt.

*Sincerely,*

*Romola*