

**2014 – 09-29 Submission to City of Ottawa**

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Attention: Mr. Hieu Nguyen, Planner, Planning and Growth Management Department  
City of Ottawa  
September 29, 2014

**Re: ACS2014-PAI-PGM-0181 Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendments – 3 and 4 Booth Street – Chaudiere and Albert Islands**

As per Note 1, please accept this submission in writing with respect to the Public Meeting of October 2, 2014, from me as a citizen and tax payer in the City of Ottawa, and as coordinator of the *Circle of All Nations* founded by Late Algonquin Elder, Dr. William Commanda, OC, Holder of a Key to the City of Ottawa, with specific reference to his Legacy Vision for the Sacred Chaudiere Site. I also wish to be notified of the outcomes of the public meeting and to be added as party to the hearing of any appeal before the Ontario Municipal Board.

***1. I NOTE the following message extracted from the City of Ottawa Documentation***

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at the public meeting or make written submissions to the City of Ottawa before the proposed official plan amendment is adopted or the zoning by-law is passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the Council of the City of Ottawa to the Ontario Municipal Board.

The City of Ottawa Planning Committee Meets this Thursday, October 2, 2014 at 9:30 am in the Champlain Room, City Hall, 110 Laurier Avenue West, Ottawa. Please inform **Christopher Zwierzchowski at 613-580-2424, extension 21359 of your interest to speak by 4.30 pm October 1**; submit written responses by October 1 to [Christopher.Zwierzchowski@ottawa.ca](mailto:Christopher.Zwierzchowski@ottawa.ca) or [hieu.nguyen@ottawa.ca](mailto:hieu.nguyen@ottawa.ca)

***2. I NOTE the Report Recommendations***

From City of Ottawa Documentation: That Planning Committee recommend Council approve:

An amendment to the Lebreton Flats Central Area Secondary Plan to allow for a mixed-use community at 3 and 4 Booth Street (Chaudière and Albert Islands), as shown on Document 1 and detailed in Document 5; and

An amendment to Zoning By-law 2008-250 to change the zoning at 3 and 4 Booth Street from Parks and Open Space to a Downtown Mixed-Use zone to allow for a mixed-use development and Major Leisure Facility zone on new park lands, as shown in Document 1, detailed in Document 6, and set out in Documents 7 and 8.

***3. I NOTE – the lack of clarity in the phrase below “under private ownership or use” – Domtar Official (F. Jette) stated in 2007 that Domtar (and previous corporate interests) held a lease in perpetuity, renewable every 20 years, at the leasing cost of \$100 a year, since the 1800s at the Chaudiere Island (for additional information on lack of clarity on the land ownership, see the attached Circle of All Nations report of June 21, 2014); note further in the unceded, unsurrendered, unconquered Algonquin territory, crown lands/public lands were leased for***

*projects of public good in the development of the country; with the shutting down of the Domtar Pulp Mill, that use of the old leasing parameters ceased and the lands are now being recommended for privatization.*

From City of Ottawa Documentation: However, Chaudiere and Albert Islands have remained under private ownership or use and now have been acquired by a private sector development interest.

***4. I NOTE Re: Public Consultation/Input, that it is widely known and acknowledged that Elder William Commanda awakened the National Capital Region and public consciousness to the fact that this is Algonquin territory; his Legacy Vision for the Sacred Chaudiere Site was developed formally with thousands of Indigenous and non-Indigenous partners, endorsed by Algonquin leadership from both the Ontario and Quebec Communities, presented publically when he was presented the Key to The City of Ottawa on June 21, 2006 at Victoria Island); his vision for the site is noted in full by the City of Ottawa in its November 2010 support and endorsement of the Indigenous vision – and, amongst the 900 people noted in the December 2013 Windmill consultations were a vast majority of people, including Indigenous, expecting to see some development of the Commanda proposal. The substantial drop in interest in the June 2014 Windmill consultation meeting is noted. Further, at Windmill’s request, I discussed the Circle of All Nations June 21 Open Letter regarding their proposals, and provided additional information in William Commanda’s own words (included also in our September 23, 2014 note) – has the City considered this amongst the 37 written comments noted below? I note further William Commanda’s Legacy Facebook Page reached 6,913 people this past week, affirming the ongoing global relevance of his legacy.***

From City of Ottawa Report: Public Consultation/Input

Notification and public consultation was undertaken in accordance with the City’s Public Notification and Public Consultation Policy. A public open house was held on June 24, 2014 at the Canadian War Museum. Approximately 200 residents were in attendance as well as the Ward Councillor and City staff. As part of the developer’s pre-consultation, an earlier public open house event was held in December 2013 with more than 900 residents in attendance.

Thirty-seven comments were received on the proposal. The comments were generally positive and many residents expressed excitement for the transformation plan. There were some suggestions and concerns submitted on urban design, transportation, land use, housing, consultation, and the environment.

**5. NOTE** that I attach for your consideration two documents: - June 21, 2014 Circle of All Nations Message regarding William Commanda Legacy Vision for the Sacred Chaudiere Site; and Asinabka Heritage Site Note Sept 2014.

Please note also the websites, [www.circleoffallnations.ca](http://www.circleoffallnations.ca) and [www.asinabka.com](http://www.asinabka.com) associated with this work. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require further information or clarification.

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