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**Re: Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendments – 3 and 4 Booth Street
(Chaudière and Albert Island)**

Dear Sir:

Ontario Rivers Alliance (ORA) is a Not-for-Profit grassroots organization acting as a voice for the French River Delta Association, CPAWS-Ottawa Valley, Kiishik Community Association, Food & Water First, Whitewater Ontario, Vermilion River Stewardship, Friends of Grassy River, Mississippi Riverwatchers, French River Stewardship, as well as many other stewardships, associations, and private and First Nations citizens who have come together to protect, conserve and restore healthy river ecosystems all across Ontario.

ORA is opposed to the proposed amendment to the Lebreton Flats Central Area Secondary Plan and the 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, as set out in the City of Ottawa's Report Recommendations.

Victoria, Albert and Chaudière Islands are sacred lands of the Anishinaabe people, and of high spiritual significance. ORA is requesting that this area remain a natural park space where First Nations and the public can gather now and into the future. Chaudière Falls is located on unceded Algonquin land, and the Algonquins of Ontario must provide informed consent before any plans are considered.

ORA requests that City Council reject the recommendations of the Planning Committee, and maintain a natural park designation for these islands, so that First Nations and the public can visit and enjoy them far into the future.

Respectfully,

Linda Heron
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