

## **Background on rezoning and OMB appeals**

**October 2014:** based on an application by Windmill Development Group, the City of Ottawa agreed to rezone Chaudière and Albert Islands in the Ottawa River from parkland to commercial/residential, in support of the developer's plan to build a \$1.2 billion condo, retail and commercial development called The Isles.

**February 2015:** five individuals appealed rezoning of the sacred islands to the OMB.

**June 2015:** two days of pre-hearings for the OMB appeal were heard in Ottawa. Defendants in the case were: Windmill Development Group and the City of Ottawa. The appellants were: Douglas Cardinal, Cardinal, Romola Thumbadoo, Richard Jackman, and Larry McDermott, and Lindsay Lambert.

**August 2015:** a second set of pre-hearings was held in Ottawa.

**November 2015:** the OMB chair issued a report that dismissed the appeals.

**November 2015:** four of the five original appellants filed notice that they would seek leave to appeal the OMB's dismissal of their case.

**February 2016:** motion for leave to appeal the OMB decision will be heard on Feb. 24.