



Windmill Submits Rezoning Application for Domtar Lands

Developer presents plan for transforming the industrial site into the world's most sustainable community

Ottawa, April 22, 2014 - Windmill Development Group today took the next step in its plans to transform the industrial brownfield site on Chaudière and Albert Islands and adjacent riverfront in downtown Gatineau into an accessible and breathtaking sustainability showpiece for the region. Windmill submitted its plans today to the City of Ottawa and la Ville de Gatineau as part of its application for the rezoning of the lands into a mixed-use community-scale sustainable development.

“We felt Earth Day was the perfect time to present our plan for transforming this historic, yet dormant, piece of land into what we hope will be the world’s most sustainable community,” says Jonathan Westeinde, managing partner, Windmill Development Group.

Key features of the rezoning application include:

- An ambitious sustainability plan using the [One Planet Community](#) framework
- Development of a series of new plazas and parks
- Mixed-use properties including retail amenities, restaurants, commercial and residential
- Preservation of key heritage buildings for cultural, commercial and retail uses
- Public access to the previously fenced-off Chaudière Falls
- Stunning new public viewpoints of our national symbols

“Our rezoning application delivers on the eight design principles we shared with the public and interested parties late last year,” says Windmill partner Rodney Wilts.

“We plan to bring new life and energy to this once bustling heart of industry, and to do it through historically and environmentally sensitive redevelopment.”

To develop its plan, Windmill held a sustainability charrette (workshop) with 70+ interested parties, including the Riverkeeper, Ecology Ottawa, Heritage Canada Foundation, First Nations representatives and more; visited the greenest communities in Europe; and, hosted dozens of specific engagements with First Nations groups, heritage and cultural advocates, sustainability proponents, and

business and tourism experts. This, in addition to holding a public meeting where more than 900 residents came to view and provide feedback on the developer's design principles for the land.

Given the site's unique and prominent location, the City of Ottawa, la Ville de Gatineau and the National Capital Commission coordinated the first-ever joint design review panel. This panel, consisting of design expertise from across the country, provided glowing endorsement of the proposal.

"This project appears to have captured the hearts and imagination of the community," says Westeinde. "We will use the plans presented today as a springboard for further consultation and engagement with the public and stakeholders. None of this is final yet."

Windmill will host another public meeting in the months to come. It is also asking the public to help name the site by entering the #ReimagineChaudiere contest at www.windmilldevelopment.com. The selected name will be announced this summer and the winner will win a one-week's stay at Windmill's [Whitewater Village](#) luxury cottage community.

Media availability and tour of the site

Media is invited to conduct interviews with Windmill on its plans, and to take part in a short tour the site this afternoon at 1:00p.m. You can enter at 6, Booth Street and follow the signs and park at the meeting spot on Albert Island (directly behind the War Museum).

About Windmill

Windmill is a visionary company dedicated to transforming conventional development practices by ensuring that exemplary ecological, social and financial returns are achieved in all their projects. Every Windmill development is conceived, designed and constructed to protect and enhance the local community and our ecosystem. Windmill is the only developer in North America to have achieved LEED Platinum on all its mixed-use projects. Completed projects include The Currents, a performing arts centre and modern condominium tower in Ottawa's Wellington West neighbourhood, and Dockside Green, a model sustainable community in Victoria that was named one of 16 Clinton Climate Initiative Climate Positive developments.

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