

PETITION TO THE HOUSE OF COMMONS IN PARLIAMENT ASSEMBLED

Whereas:

1. for centuries before de Champlain's arrival, the Chaudière Falls and Victoria Island were a sacred meeting place for indigenous peoples;
2. The area has been the site of cultural convergence, political evolution, and influential innovation;
3. Today the land sits in the shadow of parliament hill, awaiting the building of a National Aboriginal Centre, envisioned by Elder William Commanda;
4. World-renowned Canadian architect, Douglas Cardinal, has captured the land's heritage in a masterpiece;

THEREFORE, the undersigned citizens and residents call upon the Government of Canada to begin the construction of the National Aboriginal Centre and prepare for a grand opening in June 2013, to showcase and celebrate the heritage of this sacred site on the four hundredth anniversary of the newcomers' arrival.

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