

INVITATION



Zibi: Urban Indigenous Information Session

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In addition to learning about the history of the site and the development plans, you will hear from the Anishinaabe women of Memengweshii about:

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- ways to create jobs, new indigenous businesses, investment, and other economic opportunities for Anishinaabeg and indigenous communities
- ideas for making real reconciliation happen on the land

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Sign up to the event on Facebook!

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1557373007896102/>

Saturday, May 7, 10 AM - 4 PM

Location: Albert Island, 6 Booth St, Ottawa

Background Info

Zibi i-site - information on First Nations and the Zibi development.

"Neninawinige Apitenindan - Shared Values" - A short documentary to showcase the work of the Memengweshii Council - a non-political body of Anishinaabe women who are guiding Windmill Development Group Inc. on the Zibi project in the Nation's capital.

<https://vimeo.com/164471889>

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"AFN chief praises 'relationship-building' between Zibi developers, First Nations"

<http://www.zibi.ca/afn-chief-praises-relationship-building-between-zibi-developers-first-nations/>

"How Ottawa's Zibi project is revolutionizing sustainable urban development"

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Agenda as follows:

- 10:00 am: Opening prayer by Algonquin Elder
- 10:20 am: Introductions of the panel by Moderator
- 10:30 am: Presentation by Windmill Development Group Inc.
 - Jeff Westeinde, Executive Chairman, Windmill Development Group Inc.
- 10:45 am: Presentation by Memengweshii Panel
 - Brenda Odjick, Memengweshii Council Member
 - Josee Bourgeois, Memengweshii Council Member
- 11:15 am: Presentation by Decontie Construction Inc.
 - Wanda Thusky, Partner, Decontie Construction Inc.
- 11:30 am: Q&A
- 12:00 pm: Presentation on One Planet Living
- 12:25 pm: Working Lunch & Discussion
- 1:00 pm: Report back (10 minutes)
- 1:15 pm: Working Group Discussions on the future of the former Domtar Lands
- 2:15 pm: Report back - 4 groups x 3 minutes each
- 2:30 pm: Sharing Circle prayer/opening by Elder
- 2:40 pm: Sharing Circle with Elder
- 4:00 pm: Close

Distinguished Panel:

Angela Bercier-Daniels (moderator), Anishinaabe Advisor, Memengweshii Council
Jeff Westeinde, Executive Chairman, Windmill Development Group Inc.
Brenda Odjick, Algonquin-Anishinaabe Advisor, Memengweshii Council
Wanda Thusky, Partner, Decontie Construction Inc.
Josée Bourgeois, Algonquin-Anishinaabe Advisor, Memengweshii Council

Greg Searle, President & Founder, Bioregional North America

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