

## Sightseeing – if and when you get the chance

The National Holocaust Monument (*Monument National de L'Holocauste*), across from the Canadian War Museum (and beside Volunteer Village) had its official opening last summer. When you have some free time, have a visit. The monument is made up of six concrete triangles that form the Star of David.

During the 2018 Ottawa Bluesfest, from July 5 to July 15, the monument is closed earlier, from 5 pm to 7 am. At night, its illumination provides an evocative visual experience from

outside the walls. Close monitoring of the monument provides security, and ensures a respectful experience for visitors.<sup>1</sup>

The beginning of the memorial was enacted by a student who was outraged regarding the fact that Ottawa was one of the very few cities that did not have a monument for the Holocaust. Laura Grosman who is a student at the University of Ottawa began a campaign to see a monument of such built in Ottawa. She is the granddaughter of a Polish-born Holocaust survivor and has found passion in attempting to understand the international relation that Canada played with the Holocaust.<sup>2</sup>

1.NCC website

2.How an Ottawa student's outrage led to the National Holocaust Monument" Ottawa citizen. 2017-09-6.



Victoria Island is located between Ottawa and Gatineau, where it narrows near the Canadian War Museum at LeBreton Flats. The island is accessible via the Chaudière Bridge. The three islands had been used by First Nations people for centuries, who named them collectively *Asinabka* (Place of Glare Rock). According to archaeological evidence, this site was the centre of convergence for trade and spiritual and cultural exchange. Its position – at the meeting place of three rivers and perched on a rocky point overlooking fast-moving water – gave it special meaning. It is currently part of an area administered by the National Capital Commission.

The island contains an Indigenous business, Aboriginal Experiences, which offers the history of

the First Nations people, a tour, traditional dance, a cafe, and a First Nations craft workshop, all in a wood-pole-fence enclosed area.

Information gather from [en.wikipedia.org/](http://en.wikipedia.org/)

### Where did "Zibi" come from?

Zibi is the name for the landmark project now underway to revitalize the industrial lands formerly owned by Domtar and E.B. Eddy on Chaudière and Albert Islands in the city of Ottawa, Ontario, and along the waterfront in the city of Gatineau, Quebec.

The land on which it will be built and the vision for creating one of the world's most sustainable communities, is in collaboration with the region's Algonquin Anishinabe community. This area is no longer hosting Volunteer Island. This year, Bluesfest Volunteers have a new home across from the Canadian War Museum.

The development company named their project "Zibi", the Algonquin word for river. For millennia, Indigenous peoples have travelled to or through the area and have recognized the falls as a sacred religious site. The area around the falls would be opened up to public access, but not returned to its natural state.



*Photo for today*

## More good news

Tuesday night one of my volunteers in an electric wheelchair had battery die on the way home... after getting off bus with one friend 3 Bluesfest patrons got out to help and went an extra 3 bus stops to help push his wheelchair home!!! Now that's a story about patrons going the extra mile...literally!!

Sophia (Kay) has been extremely wonderful, always offering to help out, has an overall great attitude! (Bead tent)

Frank Pomerleau came in to volunteer on his birthday night and rocked it as always. Frank is a longtime Photo Team volunteer and is always willing to step up to the plate - even when it's his birthday! (Photo team)

Before helping Jamine Ackert, *Interim Volunteer Manager*, put the daily newsletter together, I never realized how much work went into being a volunteer. You guys (and gals) are amazing! (Bluesletter)



### YOUR VOUNTEER SERVICE TEAM:

**Jamine Ackert** *Interim Volunteer Manager*  
**Sarah Speed** *Administrative Systems Coordinator*  
**Frances Ifedi & Liam Bowman** *Volunteer Services Assistants*

To find the newsletter on-line, visit:  
[volunteers.ottawabluesfest.ca/celebrate-3/](http://volunteers.ottawabluesfest.ca/celebrate-3/)

### 2018 VOLUNTEER HOURS OF OPERATIONS

<b>Gates</b>	Weekdays 5:00 pm Weekends 3:00 pm	<b>Free Show Check-In (Vimy Place and Booth)</b>	Weekdays 4:00 pm - 10:00 pm Weekends 2:00 pm - 10:00 pm
<b>Volunteer Gate</b>	Weekdays 4:00 pm - 11:00 pm Weekends 2:00 pm - 11:00 pm	<b>Bike Park</b>	Weekdays 2:30 pm - 11:30 pm Weekends 12:00 pm - 11:30 pm
<b>Volunteer Village Check-In</b>	11:00 am - 9:30 pm	<b>Outdoors Blues Café</b>	Weekdays 3:00 pm - 9:00 pm (Daily Specials 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm) Weekends 1:00 pm - 9:00 pm (Daily Specials 2:00 pm - 7:00 pm)
<b>Volunteer Village Bag Check</b>	11:00 am - 11:30 pm		