

Bertha Mo manages the Ottawa Community Immigrant Services Organization's counselling program, which helps newcomers to Canada deal with the stress of moving to a new country and, in some cases, living with what they went through before they got here.

"This involved keeping data that is very sophisticated," she said. "With this funding we are able to update our data systems."

The funding will also be spent on human resources. ● AMEN JAFRI

## Former mayor new police rep

The Ottawa Police Services Board announced yesterday former mayor Jim Durrell is their new community representative.

He replaces community member Henry Jensen, who served for six and a half years. ● METRO

# 'The soul and heart of a nation has died': Chief

► Elder blessed Human Rights Monument with Dalai Lama ► Leader of N.A. Indian Nation Government in 1945 ► Chief of Kitigan Zibi from 1951 to 1970

A beloved Algonquin elder passed away early yesterday morning.

The Algonquin Anishinabeg Nation Tribal Council announced the death of William Commanda, 97.

"A page of our history has closed with William Commanda, but Algonquin people will have an everlasting memory of a great man dedicated to defending his people and to the protection of the environment," said Marlène Jérôme, vice grand chief of the Algonquin Anishinabeg Nation Tribal Council.

Commanda was born Nov. 11, 1913, and his real name was Ojigkwanong, meaning morning star.

He supported numerous environmental, cultural and social justice causes. Last winter, despite failing health, he joined protesters opposed to a housing development in Kanata's ecologically sensitive South

March Highlands.

He also lobbied for years for the establishment of a



► William Commanda receives the Order of Canada from then-governor general Michaëlle Jean in 2009.

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National Aboriginal Centre on Victoria Island. Architect Douglas Cardinal drew plans for the centre and worked closely with "Grandfather William," who became a close friend and spiritual mentor to him, said Cardinal's wife, Idoia Arana-Beobide de Cardinal.

"What I remember is his smile and those wise, wise eyes that just look through you and just look through time and space," she said. "I know very much that he is with us right now."

● STEVE COLLINS AND JESSICA SMITH



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