



Kanata Greenspace Protection Coalition

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City of Ottawa, Office of the Mayor

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Via Email: jim.watson@ottawa.ca

Dear Mayor Watson,

Re: 7000 Campeau Drive – ClubLink Development of the KGC lands

We write today regarding this latest chapter in the ongoing ClubLink development proposal for the KGC lands and note that it is one we have discussed a number of times before. Your past support of the KGPC, our thousands of supporters and our Ward 4 Councillor Jenna Sudds has been appreciated. I note as well, that you have new leadership at the Planning Committee in Co-Chairs Gower and Moffatt. The KGPC includes them in our letter today to begin a future relationship with warm first outreach.

It appears times are a changin' on this file and so we write to engage your leadership.

ClubLink Application Resubmission Response – June 2021

We append to our email our KGPC submission to the Planning Department in response to ClubLink's June documentation. The opinion reports from our planner and two independent engineering experts, all retained by the KGPC on behalf of our community and submitted to the City are also included. They are short, opinion overviews and their information definitive and worth noting.

While determination of the functionality of the ClubLink development proposal ultimately lies with experts, it is the process abuse by ClubLink which continues to batter away at both the City's resources and those of our community. We need your assistance to stop this.

Time to move to offence

Very recently we watched as Mayor Rob Barton of the City of Oakville, working hand in hand with two area MPPs, successfully opposed another unwanted ClubLink development proposal for their Glen Abbey golf property. They successfully convinced Minister Steven Clark, Municipal Affairs and Housing to negotiate a complete ClubLink withdrawal from that development, a path he admits choosing over a questionable alternative, a Ministerial Zoning Order (MZO). Regardless, he involved himself and ended a horrifically long and expensive process for Oakville taxpayers and a nightmare for its residents.



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We appreciate the uniqueness of our situation given the impending court decision on the 40 Percent Agreement which we all hope will end this illegal land grab by ClubLink. However, in advance of a potential negative outcome in the courts and in development of a next strategy, we would appreciate your assistance to end the abusive development process being heaped on both the City and Kanata residents by this ClubLink plan.

As with Oakville, the KGPC believes Kanata residents are also entitled to have this nightmare end. We want the same provincial consideration as Oakville residents and write to request your leadership and assistance to help achieve it. The upcoming OLT hearing is no less wasteful for our City or our organization than the situation which loomed before Oakville but a month ago. We too have a community with a profound award-winning history and, of more importance we would suggest, a ClubLink development application so profoundly flawed that the health and safety of the residents and the city infrastructure essential to liveability are at risk. We need your assistance to get that message up and out.

In closing, we enjoy the ongoing support of our Councillor/ Deputy Mayor Jenna Sudds and our MPP Dr. Merrilee Fullerton. We encourage you to join with us to identify a more direct and forceful path to end this ongoing development charade by ClubLink for the benefit of the City and Kanata's residents.

Sincerely,

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