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Ms. Barbara Ramsay
Chair
Kanata Greenspace Protection Coalition
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Subject: A Message to all Members of the Kanata Greenspace Protection Coalition

Dear Ms. Ramsay,

Over the last few months, in our ongoing dialogue and collaboration with you in your capacity as Chair of the Kanata Greenspace Protection Coalition, we have reaffirmed our strong commitment to protecting the rights of residents and of the City of Ottawa under the 40% agreement with Club Links, which was agreed to by the parties in 1981.

As you know, I was proud to work closely with Jenna Sudds, the former Councillor for Kanata North, now MP for Kanata-Carleton, to secure Council's unanimous support to confirm our legal rights under the agreement as part of a city-initiated court challenge.

We also engaged both internal and external legal counsel on this issue which contributed to the City's historic win in the 1st instance when the Ontario Superior Court confirmed the City's rights under the 40% agreement on February 19, 2021.

As we await the decision from the Ontario Court of Appeal, we wish to sincerely thank you and all members of the Kanata Greenspace Protection Coalition for your community-building and strong advocacy position in support of the City and its residents.

We believe we will secure a win at the Court of Appeal, ensuring that we can continue to work together to protect the long-term interests of the residents of Kanata North who would be adversely impacted by the developer's desire to violate the spirit and intent of the original 40% agreement. These long-standing rights and contractual commitments cannot be reversed by the developer on a whim.

Upholding the 40% agreement is sacrosanct. It is fundamental for cities to be able to enter into long-term agreements with developers that stand the test of time.

Sincerely,

Jim Watson
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