

**City Council, Standing Committee and Commission
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Motion

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Report / Agenda: City Council Agenda 75 – February 25, 2026

Item / Article: Motions requiring suspension of the rules of procedure

Re: Kanata Lakes Golf & Country Club

Moved by / Motion de: Councillor C. Curry

Seconded by / Appuyée par: Councillor G. Gower

That the rules of procedure be waived to consider this item today due to the ongoing nature of site work on the subject property and the need for immediate action from Council to ensure that the public interest is protected.

WHEREAS the lands commonly known as the Kanata Lakes Golf and Country Club have historically functioned as a significant green space within the Kanata Lakes community; and

WHEREAS in or about 1981, agreements associated with planning approvals for the development of Kanata Lakes (the “40% agreement”) contemplated that approximately forty per cent (40%) of lands within the broader Kanata Lakes development area would be retained as open space, including golf course lands; and

WHEREAS the planning framework applicable to Kanata Lakes relied in part on the retention of significant open space lands; and

WHEREAS recent Ontario Land Tribunal decisions respecting the subject lands have confirmed that Council must not fetter its discretion and that planning approvals, refusals, and conditions must be supported by planning evidence, statutory authority, and the public interest; and

WHEREAS the City has repeatedly and consistently reiterated and affirmed its intent to use the tools at its disposal to prevent these lands from being developed in a manner that contravenes the 40% agreement; and

WHEREAS recent activities undertaken on site by the developer have led the community to raise concerns about the permissibility, safety, and appropriateness of the activities; and

WHEREAS the City has a responsibility to ensure that these concerns are fully addressed, that every reasonable precaution is being exercised, and that residents are receiving timely and accurate information about the activities on-site; and

WHEREAS residents living adjacent to the site have reported vibration impacts, including shaking of homes, emotional distress, and concern about the disturbance of contaminated soils and alteration of established drainage patterns, and without sufficient time for residents to respond to the pre-construction condition survey the proponent provided;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that staff be directed to create a dedicated project page (Engage Ottawa) to improve public transparency respecting the 7000 Campeau Drive file, including but not limited to background files and history, ongoing record of FAQs and any future studies submitted to the City and any peer reviews completed by the City.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that staff create an email list to send regular updates directly to the community regarding the file; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that staff ensure that there is an independent technical and/or legal third party review of every substantive report or work plan submitted by the developer to the City, in addition to staff review, with those results to be publicly available on the project page; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that staff be directed to provide these regular updates and third party reviews to the Planning and Housing Committee as IPDs for review and discussion at Committee; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that staff engage with the developer on a best-efforts basis to maintain site access for inspections and third party reviews; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that staff retain independent drainage experts to proactively analyze the broader context of drainage on this site prior to receiving any reports with proposed solutions from the proponent; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that staff report back to Council and the community on whether any construction activities should be paused, modified, or subject to additional controls pending the outcome of independent technical and legal reviews, where such activities may pose risks to public safety, environmental protection, or municipal infrastructure.