

Terms of Settlement with the Greenspace Alliance

The Friends of the Greenspace Alliance (FGA) and the City of Ottawa agree that the FGA will withdraw from Phase 2A of the hearing on the Urban Boundary appeals, based on the following agreed points:

1. The City of Ottawa acknowledges that, in principle, natural heritage connectivity at multiple scales is an appropriate consideration in decisions regarding expansion of the urban boundary, in order for consistency with the Provincial Policy Statement 2005.
2. The City of Ottawa currently does not have the necessary data and analyses to carry out a comprehensive, comparative review of the potential impacts on the connectivity of the City's natural heritage system of the 2009 candidate urban expansion areas at the subwatershed and City-wide scales.
3. Based upon a review of the 2009 candidate urban expansion areas, the risk of significant negative impacts on the connectivity of the City's natural heritage system from development within those areas appears low.
4. The City commits to an explicit consideration of impacts on the connectivity of the natural heritage system at multiple scales during any future analyses and Official Plan Amendments regarding possible expansion of the urban boundary.
5. The City will include explicit consideration of natural heritage connectivity at multiple scales in the Terms of Reference for any new or updated subwatershed studies.
6. Prior to the next comprehensive Official Plan Review in 2014, the City will identify and map existing and conceptual natural heritage linkages at a City-wide scale, including consideration of regional linkages outside the City boundaries. The City will carry out this work either in partnership with other organizations or agencies (e.g. the Nature Conservancy of Canada or the National Capital Commission) or on its own.
7. The General Manager of Planning and Growth Management undertakes to recommend to Council that the Mississippi Valley Conservation Authority be requested to update the floodplain mapping for the portions of Shirley's Brook in Candidate Urban Expansion Area 1.

Dated 26 January 2012

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