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BY EMAIL

Ms. Leslie Maitland
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Dear Ms. Maitland,

Thank you for your email regarding the Civic Campus of The Ottawa Hospital's plans for future growth. I appreciate the time you have taken to write and share your concerns with me, and I am pleased to take this opportunity to respond.

The Civic Campus has been at the centre of our community for nearly 100 years and remains an important part of our daily lives. For several years, The Ottawa Hospital has been looking at options for redevelopment of the Civic Campus. It was through this long term planning process that The Ottawa Hospital has identified the Central Experimental Farm as a potential expansion site.

The Farm was established in 1886 as the central research station for the federal Department of Agriculture, and was designated as a protected national historic site in 1998. Today, it houses major research significant to Canadian agriculture and serves as an educational public space to our community.

As you know, the federal government recently announced the transfer of 60 acres of the Farm from Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada to the National Capital Commission who will be offering it to The Ottawa Hospital as a potential site for a new Civic Campus.

The Ottawa Hospital is responsible for developing their long-term capital plan and this is the start of a very important conversation about the future of the Civic Campus and the delivery of health care services in our community over the next twenty years.

This is an important decision that we will need to make together, as a community. I want to stress that we are in the very early stages of planning and no decisions have been made. If this project moves forward, a new hospital would not begin for another 15 to 20 years and there are many decision points along the way.

I look forward to working with The Ottawa Hospital and the Champlain Local Health Integration Network (the provincial healthcare planning agency) on developing a long-term plan for the Civic Campus. To do this, we need to bring everyone to the table and consult broadly within the community because whatever we do, we must make sure that our Civic Campus continues to suit the needs of our growing and diverse community for years to come.

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One thing we all agree on is that we need a hospital in downtown Ottawa and I will do everything in my capacity to make sure that our hospital remains in the heart of our community, and that you have a say in what that hospital will look like.

Once again, thank you for writing. Please do not hesitate to contact me at my Community Office at any time to share your thoughts and concerns. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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