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**Ms. Leslie Maitland**  
**President**  
**Heritage Ottawa**  
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Dear Ms. Maitland:

Thank you for your letter about the transfer of land from the Central Experimental Farm for building a new hospital. I am pleased to respond.

I share your interest in protecting Ontario's valuable farmland as well as our agricultural heritage. Ontario's government is committed to protecting our agricultural land base for future generations.

The Central Experimental Farm, and any proposed transfer of land, falls under the jurisdiction of my federal colleague the Honourable Gerry Ritz, federal Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food. I encourage you to share your letter with him to ensure that he is aware of Heritage Ottawa's views. Minister Ritz's contact information is:

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Again, thank you for writing.

Sincerely,



Jeff Leal  
Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs

c. The Honourable Eric Hoskins  
Minister of Health and Long-Term Care



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*Commémorations des 400 ans de présence française en Ontario*