

Office of the Chief Executive Officer Bureau du premier dirigeant

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Ms. Leslie Maitland
leslie.maitland@yahoo.comDear Ms. Maitland: ²⁶⁵⁶¹⁶

In light of your recent correspondence regarding the Central Experimental Farm (CEF), I would like to take this opportunity to provide further context on the National Capital Commission's (NCC) role in The Ottawa Hospital (TOH) project.

As steward of federal lands and planner in the Capital Region, the NCC strives to ensure that effective and comprehensive consultations are held with stakeholders, interest groups and the public, to ensure that the potential impacts of the proposed projects are properly taken into account in the design development process.

Over the past two years, we have continued to advise TOH on best practices for public engagement on this project. We would like to reiterate that it is always the project proponent, be it a federal department or private entity, that must take the lead in organising their consultation activities.

The NCC is committed to working with TOH and Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (AAFC) to develop design guidelines for the new health care campus that meet the objectives of each organization, the surrounding community and the broader Capital Region.

TOH's consultation process with the public, community groups and stakeholders is scheduled to commence early in the new year. The NCC will play a significant role in these consultations for the design guidelines of the new campus. More specifically, the new Civic Campus' design guidelines will seek to achieve a high quality design that is contextually appropriate for the site and its role in serving the Capital. The guidelines will also take into consideration the operational requirements of the CEF while ensuring that they support the requirements of a fully-functional, modern, and world-class hospital.

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The NCC will continue to support and participate in the consultation process for TOH's Civic Campus and the results of these activities will be taken into consideration as part of our Federal Land Use and Design Approval Process.

Yours sincerely,

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