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Ms. Leslie Maitland
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Dear Ms. Maitland:

Thank you for your correspondence regarding a capital project for Ottawa. I appreciate the opportunity to respond.

Other than projects that are currently under construction, at the present time, there are no approved capital projects to build new or replacement hospitals in Ottawa. Government decisions regarding ministry support of hospital capital redevelopment are publicly announced.

Regional health services planning is within the purview of the Local Health Integration Networks (LHINs) that work with health service providers on the programs and services to be provided within LHIN boundaries. The ministry does not develop the plans for regional and local programs or for individual hospital facilities. Hospital proposals for new and expanded programs are subject to the Ministry-LHIN Joint Review Framework for Early Capital Planning Stages, which is available on the LHIN website. The ministry expects all hospitals to have long-term facility plans and update these plans every three to five years. To the extent that hospitals have expansion plans that exceed the capacity of their current site, hospitals are free to acquire additional property for health service expansion.

The ministry has not directly received any information from the Government of Canada regarding severing a portion of the Central Experimental Farm for a new hospital campus. Ministry staff understand that The Ottawa Hospital has been working with the Government of Canada to obtain land across the street from the Civic site for the planning of a replacement hospital on Carling Avenue and the land acquisition was announced by the National Capital Commission on November 3, 2014, (<http://www.ncc-ccn.gc.ca/property-management/news/2014-11-03/government-of-canada-facilitating-planning-of-a-new-world-class>).

Should the government approve the planning for any new or replacement hospital in Ottawa, the ministry will consider the siting recommendation (s) of the Champlain Local Health Integration Network (CLHIN). The ministry expects the hospital, working closely with the CLHIN, to recommend a siting option that is accessible to the population served and to undertake a detailed analysis of the options considered. Part of the analysis will include community/stakeholder consultation. It is not within the ministry's mandate to weigh the significance of institutions that do not deliver health services, in its review of siting options.

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Ms. Maitland

I would encourage your organisation to continue to convey its thoughts on matter the directly to the hospital, who I note is copied on your letter, and the CLHIN. I have provided the CLHIN contact information below.

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I trust this information is of assistance. Thank you again for writing

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Eric Hoskins', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Dr. Eric Hoskins
Minister