

December 2, 2016

The Honourable Mélanie Joly, P.C., M.P.  
Minister of Canadian Heritage  
Canadian Heritage  
15 Eddy Street  
Gatineau, Quebec  
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**RE: A BETTER LOCATION FOR THE CIVIC CAMPUS OF THE OTTAWA HOSPITAL –  
THE FORMER SIR JOHN CARLING BUILDING SITE**

Dear Minister Joly,

Over the past few days we have had the opportunity to dialogue as a group that includes members of the Federal National Capital Region Government Caucus, the Ottawa Provincial Government Caucus and the City of Ottawa to discuss the recent NCC recommendation to offer Tunney's Pasture to The Ottawa Hospital as the site of the future Civic Campus.

We want to start by thanking all stakeholders involved for their constructive and collaborative approach towards finding a solution that works best for our community – a decision that will have far reaching impacts on the quality of health care in the City of Ottawa for generations to come.

As you are already aware, on Thursday, November 29, the Board of Governors of The Ottawa Hospital announced its decision to not support the recommendation of the Tunney's Pasture property, citing key concerns around access, costs and timelines.

Today, we are pleased to say that we are united in our recommendation to you as Minister of Canadian Heritage, and as the Minister responsible for the National Capital Commission. It is our hope that you consider this recommendation in the spirit it is given as a gesture of continued cooperation and partnership. We are writing to you today to inform you of our unequivocal and collective support for the former Sir John Carling Building site as the future home of the new Civic Campus.

We - the Federal National Capital Region Government Caucus, the Ottawa Provincial Government Caucus and the Mayor of Ottawa - are committed to working closely with the Government of Canada and the Province of Ontario to fast-track the approval of the former Sir John Carling Building site as the preferred location for the new Civic campus. We have pledged to work together to get on with the important work of building a better Civic Campus for all residents of Ottawa and Eastern Ontario.

Not only does this site bring all the parties together, it addresses the views of the community that the site be located in the downtown core and easily accessible by public transit, while also protecting the greenspace on the Experimental Farm.

This approximately 50 acre site is located at the northeastern corner of the Central Experimental Farm. The proposed site will have a minimal impact on agricultural lands.

The site's central location provides easier access to the Queensway from both directions for Ottawa residents and patients who travel to the Civic Campus from the East and West and from throughout Eastern Ontario. It also provides easier access to residents who access the Civic Campus from the South end of Ottawa via the Veterans' Memorial Highway (416) or via Prince of Wales Drive.

The site is within 100 metres of the Trillium Line, which will connect to the Confederation Line at Bayview Station once the Confederation Line opens in 2018.

We are pleased to convey to you that The Ottawa Hospital shares the belief that the former Sir John Carling Building site addresses their key concerns regarding access, costs and timelines. We are sure you will agree that our community deserves a 21<sup>st</sup> Century hospital. We are all committed to bringing world-class health care to the City of Ottawa.

Towards that end, this recommendation has received the full support of the Ottawa Hospital Board of Governors.

Attached you will find today's statement that outlines the recommendation of our group of Ottawa-based elected representatives.

In closing, we want to thank you for taking the time to consider our position in the spirit of consultation and collaboration. We look forward to working together with you in the days and months ahead.

Sincerely,



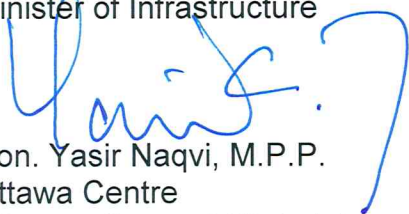
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City of Ottawa

Attach: Statement on the location for the Civic Campus of The Ottawa Hospital.