

# City had plenty of time to plan cutting

To the editor,

Are you aware that the present development in Kanata North has been in the planning stages for 14 years? Yes, since 2003. Plenty of time to have avoided winter's harshness for this assault on wildlife.

During this time, the City of Ottawa approved a Wildlife Protocol for development land that would bring the least harm possible to animals' habitats who were to be displaced or killed in the development process. It was agreed following clearly understood biological cycles, that fall was the least injuri-

ous time to bring in heavy equipment to remove all trees and dig up the land, and that winter was the most injurious of all four seasons to do so.

How is it that Mayor Jim Watson and Coun. Marianne Wilkinson ignored the agreed upon protocol? What was the point of earlier meetings with wildlife specialists to identify the least injurious policy to wildlife?

This exposed charade of concern for wildlife needs to have answers supplied to the public who have paid tax dollars for consultation time to reach an agreement there was no intention of follow-

ing.

<http://ottawa.ca/en/city-hall/your-city-government/council-and-standing-committees> Read section 8G of this link to witness city protocols that were deliberately ignored.

The public is not asking that there be no development, only that developers' profits and increased tax money to the city not be the only factors governing decision-making.

It would be constructive for you to object to the mayor and Coun. Wilkinson of Kanata North how underhanded and cruel their permission to the developers' winter

land devastation was. Be prepared, though, to be told that biologists were on site during the clear-cut prepared to assist and provide remedy to whatever animals needed it.

Really? And just exactly what remediation was provided by whom for what terrified and injured creatures?

After all, they are only animals. Do you want to help government work? Contact these representatives. <http://ottawa.ca/en/city-hall/mayor-and-city-councillors>

Saddened by it all,

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