

May 31, 2018

Dear Mr. Johanis:

Thank you very much for your submission regarding the City of Ottawa's proposition to widen and realign Leitrim Road.

The option that is currently before the Transportation Committee of the City of Ottawa is the preferred option that has only been approved by the City. The National Capital Commission (NCC) has not provided its approval for the use of federal lands.

The NCC is part of the agency consultation group for the project established by the City of Ottawa. Representatives of the Commission have provided comments in line with the NCC's Greenbelt Master Plan. At this time, many of the issues they have raised about the project relate to the impacts on the surface and on the quality and quantity of groundwater in the area, the function of the natural floodplain, the fragmentation of natural habitats in the area as well as the impact on wildlife.

The Commission has sent a letter to the City of Ottawa confirming that the NCC is not in a position to recommend an endorsement of the proposed alignment at this time and that many issues will have to be solved before the Commission grants any federal approval for the use of federal lands for this project.

The NCC will continue working with the City to find solutions that will protect the Greenbelt while making sure we collaborate with the City to enhance sustainable transportation in the National Capital Region.

Sincerely,

(original signed)

Dr. Mark Kristmanson
Chief Executive Officer