

Chair Harder

Planning Committee, City of Ottawa

Champlain Room, 110 Laurier Avenue W

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Re: Planning Committee (Agenda 2, Item 1 (*Ottawa Next: Beyond 2036*))

[Recommendations not supported]

14 February 2019

Dear Chair Harder, Mayor Watson, Ottawa City Councillors and interested Citizens

While it is obvious that the Earth is a complex system, in the legal fictions where I live (Ottawa, Ontario, Canada) there are, for example, no functioning water, terrestrial or air sheds. The public interest is not proven. Nevertheless I do support this legally-mandated review of Ottawa's *land-use* plan. But faint hope is not a strategy.

In the past I have appealed the land-use of this corporation four times to the Ontario Municipal Board. Please find enclosed a pdf document titled *OMB Appeals (McNicoll)* which gives a brief timeline of those appeals which were effectively systemic in nature. To this date it continues to mystify me that we have no Greenspace Master Plan and other Master Plans to balance the current hegemony of the Transportation/Infrastructure Master Plans. Given the recent creation of the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal (LPAT), along with many other jurisdictional changes, I sought help and counsel from the Local Planning Appeal Support Centre, naturally looking a legal remedy. I am not a lawyer but I am now of the view that a solution might lie in the direction of human rights given in the context of a functioning planet that might maintain life.

That the Economic Development Department (City of Ottawa) would propose the document *Ottawa Next: Beyond 2036* as the basis for this *comprehensive* review of our land-use plan is rather perplexing. However given the complexity of this matter I would simply refer interested parties to two further enclosed pdf documents. The first, *An Introduction to UNESCO's Updated Recommendation on Science and Scientific Researchers* (UNESCO) and the second is *Ecosystem Services Toolkit (Completing and using Ecosystem Service Assessment for Decision-Making: An Interdisciplinary Toolkit for managers and Analysts)* [Value of Nature to Canadians StudyTaskforce, Federal, Provincial, and Territorial Governments of Canada].

yours truly

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