

July 20, 2006

Ministry of the Environment  
Hon. Laurel C. Broten  
135 St. Clair Avenue West, 12<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Toronto, ON M4V 1P5

BY FAX: 416-314-7337

Dear Minister:

Re:     - Kanata West Environmental Assessment Consultation Report  
       - Flow Characteristics and Flood Level Analysis  
       - Post-Development Flow Characterisation and Flood Level Analysis  
       - Kanata West Master Servicing Study  
       - Kanata West Transportation Master Plan  
       - Carp River, Poole Creek and Feedmill Creek Restoration Class Environmental  
          Assessment

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The undersigned request that you issue an Order under section 16 of the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act* (the *Act*) regarding the assessments and supporting studies and reports put forward regarding development in Kanata West. We are members of organizations including the Friends of the Carp River, the Ottawa Group of the Sierra Club of Canada, the Ottawa RiverKeeper and the Greenspace Alliance of Canada's Capital who have formed a "Carp River Coalition" in order to engage in a coordinated dialogue with the proponents regarding the proposed development. We have done so on several occasions since October 2005 and, in addition, have met several times with some of the private sector proponents. Especially during the latter meetings both Kanata West owners and ourselves have gained a better understanding of our respective perspectives. Specifically, fruitful discussions have taken place on Conditions for Plans of Subdivision which have resulted in Draft Approval by City of Ottawa staff of Conditions for two developments in Kanata West that almost fully met our concerns.

As a result of these discussions, and also following examination of the referenced reports, we wish to state at the outset that nothing in our Request is intended to signify objection to the following proposed projects (all projects are named as identified in the April 5, 2006 City staff report to Council):

- Kanata West Transportation Master Plan
  - + Huntmar Road Extension from Halzeldean Road to Maple Grove Road;
  - + Huntmar Road Widening from Maple Grove Road to Campeau Drive;
  - + Campeau Drive Extension from Didsbury Road to North-South Arterial;
  - + Stittsville Main Street Extension from Maple Grove Road to North-South Arterial.

- Kanata West Master Servicing Plan

- Sanitary Servicing Projects

- + Kanata West Pumping Station and associated gravity sanitary sewers;
- + Permanent Twinned Force main to the Tri Party Collector;

- Watermain Projects

- + Watermains in Huntmar Road Extension from Halzeldean Road to Maple Grove Rd.;
- + Watermains in Huntmar Road Widening from Maple Grove Road to Campeau Drive;
- + Watermains in Campeau Drive from Didsbury Road to North South Arterial;
- + Watermain in Maple Grove Road from Stittsville Main Street to Terry Fox Drive;
- + Watermains in North-South Arterial from Hazeldean Road to Campeau Drive Extension;
- + Watermains in Stittsville Main Street Extension from Maple Grove Road to Palladium Dr.

- Stormwater Management Projects

- + Stormwater Management Pond # 3 and associated storm sewers;
- + Stormwater Management Pond # 6 and associated storm sewers;
- + Stormwater Management Pond # 7 and associated storm sewers.

As well, if the Restoration project would have been proposed as three projects instead of one, we would have been happy to raise no objection to the Poole Creek restoration plan.

We do object to the pre- and post-development flood level analyses and to the following projects:

- Kanata West Transportation Master Plan

- Maple Grove Road Widening from west of Huntmar Drive to Terry Fox Drive;
- North-South Arterial from Hazeldean Road to Campeau Drive Extension;

- Kanata West Master Servicing Plan

- Sanitary Servicing Projects

- Trunk Sanitary from Silver Seven & along Carp River between Maple Grove Road and Palladium Drive;
- Signature Ridge Pumping Station Upgrade and associated gravity sanitary sewers;

- Stormwater Management Projects

- Stormwater Management Pond #1 and associated storm sewers;
- Stormwater Management Pond #2 and associated storm sewers;
- Stormwater Management Pond #4 and associated storm sewers;
- Stormwater Management Pond #5 and associated storm sewers;

■ Carp River full restoration and Poole Creek and Feedmill Creek local restoration project.

The grounds for our objections and Request and the proposed remedies are in the Attachment and are organized as follows. First we note two preliminaries, about the status of the Carp River as a Municipal Drain and about approval of a two-zone floodplain policy under the *Planning Act*. Then we make some comments on the proponents' Consultation report. Next we provide a critique of the Flood Level Analysis reports, the Servicing Study, the Transportation Master Plan and, finally, the watercourses Restoration Environmental Assessment.

In each case the remedy we seek is that you exercise your authority under section 16 (1) and (2) sub 1., ordering the proponents to comply with Part II of the *Act* and to adhere to set terms of reference before seeking approval of the projects identified as objectionable. In the alternative, we seek an order imposing additional conditions under section 16 (3) of the *Act*. As yet another alternative, we believe that a reference to Mediation under section 16 (6) also may result in resolution of some of our concerns, particularly in light of the fact that the proponents have begun to discuss with us a resolution to one of our key concerns, namely the limited scope of the proposed Restoration work.

Finally, should you decide to order only a revision of the flood level analysis and a re-scoping and individual assessment of the Restoration undertaking, or both, then we request that you require Addenda to the Servicing and Transportation Assessments in order to incorporate any implications of the revisions.

Your response by mail to Carol Gudz, **1337 Morley Boulevard, Ottawa, ON K2C 1R1** would be appreciated, or else by fax to Erwin Dreessen at **613-739-1197**.

Sincerely,

for Carol Gudz, John Almstedt and David Spence,

Erwin Dreessen

Attachment

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