

Thu., May 27 at 2:15 p.m.

Katherine Cotton, Chair, Board of Governors, The Ottawa Hospital
Cameron Love, President and CEO, The Ottawa Hospital

I am writing to you on behalf of the Campus Engagement Group to convey to you our perspective on the way forward for the group.

As you know, the site plan control application for the new TOH campus was filed with the City on May 7. From this point on, all consultation on the site plan will be City-led and NCC-led. As a result, the window of opportunity for providing input directly to TOH on the site plan is now closed.

The main purpose of the CEG was to help TOH make the design decisions embodied in the site plan. As the window to do so is closed, the CEG recommends that it now be dissolved as a separate consultative and deliberative body of the TOH. We cannot hide that we are disappointed that despite assurances, we were not afforded the opportunity to provide input to the design elements related to the site plan. We believe it is important to state clearly that beyond the initial broad design principles it developed and the subsequent statements it made regarding the wants and needs of the communities it represents, the CEG had no role in the development or review of the site plan application that was put forward.

Our expectation is that members will continue to collaborate and share information but will participate in the City and NCC review and approval process of the site plan application as representatives of their individual home organizations.

We recognize and appreciate, however, the time commitment and information provided by TOH on the ongoing progress of the NCD project. We also realize that beyond the site plan approval, many detailed design decisions that are of interest to the communities represented by members will continue to be made over the course of the next phase of the NCD project. We would therefore be most pleased to make ourselves available to TOH as an informal collective to be consulted on an ad hoc basis, as determined by the TOH. We could imagine taking part in focused, single issue briefings on specific topics, starting with accessibility, and eventually covering other issues as they arise in the phasing of the project such as the design of the Maple Lane access, the layout and programming of the new Queen Julianna Park, accommodations during construction etc.

All members have expressed a desire to make this transition amicably, without creating unnecessary disruption. While this process may not have unfolded as we expected, it has been an honour and a privilege to work on this important city-building project with you and we are grateful for the opportunity to contribute. It was a task we took very seriously.

Your sincerely,

Paul Johanis, community co-chair of the CEG, representing the Greenspace Alliance
Robert Brinker, Carlington Community Association
Peter Eady, Civic Hospital Neighbourhood Association
Shaun Hopkins, Ottawa-Carleton Standard Condominium Corporation 837
Amy Johnson, Liveable Bayswater
Michael Powell, Dalhousie Community Association
Sue Stefko, Glebe Annex Community Association
Bhagwant Sandhu, Dow's Lake Residents' Association
Randy Taylor, Friends of the Farm
Eric Jones, Central Experimental Farm Advisory Committee
Leslie Maitland, Heritage Ottawa
Jerry Fiori, Ottawa Disability Coalition
Kim Peterson, Council on Aging of Ottawa
Martin Petersons, TOH Patent and Family Advisory Council