



March 2, 2023

Mayor Mark Sutcliffe
110 Laurier Avenue West
Ottawa ON
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Dear Mayor Sutcliffe,

You will be aware by now of the latest massive tree massacre in the city's sorry history of these kinds of events. We understand that there is incontrovertible evidence that the tree removal on Tewn lands is in breach of both the Tree Protection Bylaw and the Site Alteration Bylaw. It is also evident to us that the reported justifications under exemptions regarding normal agricultural practice and imminent risk to public safety do not hold water.

We call on the City to enforce these Bylaws to their full extent, with exemplary penalties imposed. Both were recently revised and adopted expressly to prevent these types of events happening again in the future.

In addition to the loss of hundreds of trees, this action has destroyed animal habitat and caused damage to an area that is largely wetlands.

Please show leadership in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Paul Johanis', with a large, stylized initial 'P'.

Paul Johanis
Chair, Greenspace Alliance of Canada's Capital