



Kanata Greenspace Protection Coalition

A Not-for-Profit Corporation established in 2019

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Dear Councillor Curry –

Subject: Request for Action – Public Health Risks on Kanata Golf Club (KGC) Lands

The Kanata Greenspace Protection Coalition (KGPC) writes today to again express our grave concerns regarding the imminent potential for public **mercury exposure** due to recent ground-moving activities by Minto on the Kanata Golf Club (KGC) lands.

We appreciate your recent elevation of our concerns to Ottawa Public Health (OPH) and also the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) through the city Planning department. However, we want to bring to your attention a disconnect between Dr. Arnason's email comments (OPH) and Mr. Moodie's, Director, Planning in his representation of the response from MECP.

Dr. Arnason's January 28 email stated that the MECP is responsible for "assessing environmental contamination, regulating environmental mitigation or remediation efforts," while Mr. Moodie's synopsis of the MECP response to their inquiry (not provided) states it "do[es] not have a role in regulating activities related to the completion of environmental site assessments". This ambiguity is troubling given the known history of this site.

The evidence is clear. The completed Phase II Environmental Site Assessment (ESA) by Paterson Group in May 2020 was flawed and biased in design as noted by its own authors in the report. At the request of the landowner ClubLink, the consultants **avoided testing land areas expected to hold the highest concentrations of mercury**. With the ground-moving activities by Minto begun recently and the site's location embedded between 630 homes, our health and safety has been put in jeopardy. To be frank - our community is stuck between the proverbial 'granite' and the hard place.

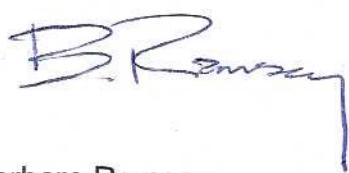
The KGPC feels the situation warrants a credible, unbiased assessment of the site's environmental status to truly identify the risk to the community, the real degree of contamination and, as a result, identify the scope and feasibility of a remediation plan for the 175-acre parcel of land.

In the name of public safety, the KGPC requests that the City of Ottawa champion, through the MECP or an alternative oversight process, the following actions:

- **A thorough, and unbiased contamination assessment** of all 175 acres of the KGC lands, as full remediation has already been deemed necessary
- **Air monitoring** to test for mercury aerosolization during all ground-moving activities until such a time as the contamination is fully identified and assessed and any required remediation requirements are complete
- **A transparent and representative oversight committee** which includes public representation to identify the process, review outcomes and manage and respond to community health concerns

Thank you for your prompt attention to this critical health and public safety matter. We are available to discuss the matter further at your convenience.

Sincerely,



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