

**Ottawa Board of Health
Conseil de santé d'Ottawa**

Motion

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NOTICE OF MOTION – Kanata Lakes

Moved by / propose par: Member Gower

WHEREAS the former Kanata Lakes Golf and Country Club site at 7000 Campeau Drive has documented legacy contamination, including mercury, associated with decades of golf course pesticide and fungicide use;

WHEREAS active site work, including significant soil disturbance, has commenced on the property;

WHEREAS recent rainfall has resulted in large areas of standing water on the site, with no approved stormwater management solution currently in place;

WHEREAS residents have reported potential impacts associated with ongoing site activity, including:

- wildlife illness and mortality observed on site;
- structural vibration and cracking in nearby homes; and
- localized infrastructure impacts, including movement of retaining wall elements;
- water run-off into local waterways and significant ponding directly behind homes

WHEREAS some nearby residents rely on private wells for drinking water;

WHEREAS the Medical Officer of Health has reviewed mercury levels based on testing conducted to date and has assessed those levels as not warranting immediate concern, while also recognizing community concerns and referring the matter to the Ontario Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP), which subsequently referred the issue back to Ottawa Public Health;

WHEREAS Dr. Heather McNairn has identified that testing for additional contaminants of concern—including arsenic, cadmium, and methyl mercury—has not yet been conducted and is necessary for a complete understanding of site conditions;

WHEREAS methyl mercury is a bioaccumulative form of mercury associated with serious neurological harm, and its presence or absence on the site has not yet been established;

WHEREAS Stephen Quigley, P.Eng., who previously reviewed testing on the site and testified at the Ontario Land Tribunal, has recently raised concerns regarding the adequacy of that testing;

WHEREAS the City of Ottawa's independent engineering consultant WSP has concurred that additional contaminant testing is required and has identified that existing testing is geographically incomplete, including with respect to trees, greens, and pond sediments;

WHEREAS in the absence of complete site-wide contamination data across all relevant contaminants and areas, any public health risk assessment necessarily reflects an incomplete evidentiary picture;

WHEREAS significant earthworks continue daily immediately adjacent to residential properties; and

WHEREAS WSP is currently engaged in site monitoring, providing a measure of ongoing oversight;

WHEREAS the Ottawa Board of Health has a mandate to protect and promote the health of Ottawa residents;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Ottawa Board of Health direct the Medical Officer of Health to:

1. Review and update the current public health risk assessment for the site and adjacent residential areas, having regard to WSP's findings and other available expert reports on contamination testing received by OPH or the City of Ottawa's Planning, Development and Building Services branch, to date; and
2. Clarify how OPH investigates health hazards and monitors potential site conditions - including active disturbance of incompletely characterized lands, standing water, and proximity to residential properties -under what circumstances OPH can intervene; and
3. Report back to the Board of Health, with a copy to City Council, no later than its next regularly scheduled meeting with: a summary of the updated public health risk assessment; and a description of any health monitoring protocols in place or recommended beyond current oversight.