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**Subject:** Environmental site testing at 7000 Campeau Drive (former Kanata Lakes Golf Course site)

Dear Patrick Lalonde and Tracy Hart,

On June 15, 2026, the Ottawa Board of Health received [a report regarding the proposed development at 7000 Campeau Drive](#) (formerly the Kanata Lakes Golf Course) following a motion requesting that Ottawa Public Health review and update the current public health risk assessment, in particular with regard to the findings of the City of Ottawa's third-party review of the 2021 Phase 1 and Phase II Environmental Site Assessments conducted by WSP Canada Inc. As outlined in this report, based on the current evidence available, and in consultation with the City of Ottawa's Planning, Development and Building Services branch and its Environment Remediation Unit, and Public Health Ontario, OPH found no evidence of a health hazard at the site or in surrounding residential areas at this time.

However, it was noted that in WSP's peer review that there were data gaps with the Environmental Site Assessment (ESA) work completed by the proponent at the site requiring additional soil and sampling including that "no analyses for methyl mercury were performed on any of the samples exceeding Table 3 or Table 7 Site Condition Standards". The environmental consultant retained by the proponent, Paterson Group, acknowledged all of WSP Canada Inc.'s technical comments. As public health risk assessments must be based on information available at a point-in-time, we are not able to comment on unknown risks relating to sampling gaps. OPH understands that there are ongoing concerns from members of the community and the local Councillor regarding the uncertainty raised by WSP's findings.

OPH recognizes the authority of the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks in making determinations of additional assessment, testing, or mitigation measures under the established regulatory framework. I am writing to request that consideration be given to requiring additional testing at the site including for methyl mercury and from areas such as ponds, tees and greens where fungicides would have most likely to have been historically applied on a golf course to better characterize the distribution of chemical contaminants as soon as possible. We understand that the City of Ottawa has requested to do additional onsite testing but has not been given access yet.

OPH will continue to review any new, site-specific information provided by appropriate regulatory or municipal partners in accordance with its legislated role. Should new evidence emerge indicating a potential risk to human health, OPH would work collaboratively with the MECP and other relevant partners to reassess the situation and determine appropriate public health actions.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Should you have any questions, I'd be happy to meet at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

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