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☐ **Motion**

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Report / Agenda: City Council Agenda 82 – June 24, 2026

Item / Article:

Re: Preserving of the Kanata golf lands and greenspace

Moved by / Motion de: Councillor C. Curry
Seconded by / Appuyée par: Mayor M. Sutcliffe

WHEREAS the lands municipally known as 7000 Campeau Drive – formerly the Kanata Lakes Golf and Country Club, and referred to throughout this motion as the Kanata golf lands and greenspace – comprise approximately 175 acres within the Kanata Lakes community, and were made subject to a 1981 agreement known as the 40% Agreement, requiring that 40 per cent of the area be preserved as open space; and

WHEREAS when the urban boundary was extended to allow this area to be developed, the community was promised a Central Park – one large, connected network of greenspace for the whole community; and

WHEREAS the community was allowed, under the Agreement, to use these lands as a winter park, and has done so for more than 40 years, a winter park it has now lost on top of never receiving the Central Park it was promised; and

WHEREAS the roads, water infrastructure, and school capacities in the area, along with the thousands of nearby new apartment units were all planned on the understanding that this land would remain parkland and storm water management for the area; and

WHEREAS hundreds of acres of nearby forests and greenspace were approved for housing development on the understanding that the Kanata golf lands would become the community's permanent and protected park and greenspace; and

WHEREAS Council has already affirmed, on January 28, 2026, that building

homes or other development on these lands does not fit with the plan the broader Kanata Lakes community was built around or the promises made to its residents, and the City has gone through the courts and exhausted its options to enforce the 40% Agreement meant to protect these lands; and

WHEREAS the Ontario Land Tribunal has approved a draft plan of subdivision and municipal zoning for development on these lands, establishing a precedent that long-standing commitments to preserve parkland and greenspace can be overridden through litigation, a precedent every Ontario municipality should want to avoid; and

WHEREAS the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) has written to the Attorney General of Ontario asking the Province to review the ClubLink decisions in Ottawa and ensure municipalities have the tools they need to protect open space; and

WHEREAS the Province has stepped in before in similar circumstances – intervening in 2021, after the Town of Oakville passed similar resolutions, to preserve the Glen Abbey Golf Course;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor write to the Premier of Ontario and the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing requesting that the Province of Ontario consider using the following tools:

- 1. An order under Section 47 of the Planning Act issued by the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing to ensure the preservation of the Kanata golf lands and greenspace as part of the 40 per cent greenspace; or**
- 2. Special legislation to ensure the conservation of the Kanata golf lands and greenspace as part of the 40 per cent greenspace lands; or**
- 3. Other possible options or mechanisms within the authority of the Province of Ontario to ensure the conservation of the Kanata golf lands and greenspace as part of the 40% greenspace.**