

Whereas scientists worldwide have declared that extreme weather events are directly related to Climate Change which is due to warming temperatures created by greenhouse gas emissions (<https://news.un.org/en/story/2021/08/1097362>)

Whereas the hottest 7 years ever recorded have been 2015-2021, with 2021 being 1.21 degrees Celsius above the pre-industrial average <http://berkeleyearth.org/global-temperature-report-for-2021/>

Whereas the Federal Government 17/06/2019, declared that "Canada is in a national climate emergency [a] real and urgent crisis, driven by human activity" (<https://www.cbc.ca/news/politics/climate-emergency-motion-1.5179802>)

Whereas the Municipal Council of the City of Ottawa 24/04/2019, "declared Climate Change an emergency" (<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/ottawa/city-of-ottawa-declares-climate-emergency-1.5109378>)

Whereas the River Ward Councillor 19/02/2019, declared he "fully embraced the sentiment that we're sitting on a ticking time bomb and no one's panicking," (<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/ottawa/ottawa-environment-draft-budget-2019-1.5024682>)

Whereas the Ottawa Public Health's Urban Island Heat Map of 18/07/2019, illustrates the positive temperature impacts of the trees and greenspace, at The Central Experimental Farm, (CEF) compared to the rest of the Ottawa urban core with temperature differences of 10-18°C <https://www.ottawapublichealth.ca/en/public-health-topics/resources/Documents/Urban-Island-Heat-Map-1-City-Wide---EN.pdf>

Whereas Dr. P. Villeneuve, Carleton University's Air Quality study (2016-2017), verifies that the CEF has superior Air Quality compared to the concrete desert of the Ottawa core, <https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/abs/pii/S1352231019305163?via%3Dihub>

Whereas the proposed plan of The Ottawa Hospital Development includes the removal of over 700 trees on the CEF, Parsons Report to the City of Ottawa, Appendix A Phase 2 Tree Inventory Results (Document pgs 87 - 113) http://webcast.ottawa.ca/plan/All_Image%20Referencing_Site%20Plan%20Application_Image%20Reference_Submission%20%20-%20Envrionmental%20Effects%20Analysis%20-%20D07-12-21-0159.PDF

Whereas on the 28/09/2021, one week after the CCA's 21/09/2021 General Meeting, an unofficial email was directed to the two Co-Chairs of Ottawa's Planning Committee, copied to the River Ward Councillor from a general member of the CCA, and not from a sitting member of the current CCA Executive,

Whereas no consultation was undertaken by CCA of its members regarding the decision of the OHD location on the CEF, also referred to as Dows Lake,

Whereas the contents of an informal email, purported to be a CCA endorsement, which was acknowledged by the River Ward Councillor to the public, at the end of the Special Planning Committee Mtg, 04/10/2021, as an "unsolicited endorsement from the CCA", was in violation of CCA rules,

Be it Resolved that,

The CCA Executive send a revised qualified endorsement to the Planning Board Committee Co-Chairs, Councillors Moffat and Gower, clarifying that the community's support for the CEF location is contingent upon the City requesting that the National Capital Commission's Federal Land Use Design and Transaction Approval Process Environment Assessment be robustly conducted before any further tree removal or construction of the Ottawa Hospital Development occurs. Additionally that this CCA adopt a formal policy on gaging the community's views before adopting any position on Issues of Concern.

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