

THE COALITION TO PROTECT THE CENTRAL EXPERIMENTAL FARM NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

And HERITAGE OTTAWA

To: Transportation Committee Re: Baseline Road Rapid Transit Corridor

1 February 2017

While Heritage Ottawa and the Coalition do not propose a request to reverse this decision, we would like to register our concern for the continuing erosion of the boundaries of the Central Experimental Farm, and the ongoing impact this has on its capacity as an internationally significant research institution, and its status as a national historic site.

We applaud Councillor Brocklington's vigilance on this issue.

At the same time, we call upon the City to be vigilant as well and resist further proposals to impinge upon this national treasure.

We call upon the Government of Canada to provide serious protection for the Central Experimental Farm, as well as other national historic sites and federally-designated heritage properties in the national capital region.

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Co-Chair, Heritage Ottawa

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Councillor Riley Brocklington

The Hon. Catherine McKenna, Minister for Environment and Climate Change, with responsibility for National Historic Sites

The Hon. Lawrence MacAulay, Minister for Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada