

I have been hearing loud and clear from residents in Ottawa Centre, the National Capital Region, and across Canada about the proposed Chateau Laurier addition. They care greatly that any addition to this iconic building in the heart of our capital be compatible with the building they love. Overwhelmingly, they do not and I do not believe that this outcome has been achieved.

Over the past weeks, I have shared my constituents' concerns with the Mayor's office and Larco Investments. I recognize that this is ultimately the City of Ottawa's and Larco's decision and that City Council has now voted to allow this development to proceed as proposed. I have no doubt that Larco Investments has worked in good faith over several years to satisfy the heritage permit requirements of the City of Ottawa.

We are building for the next 100 years and I believe there is still time for common sense to prevail and for the community and the private sector owner to come together to achieve an outcome in which everyone can take pride. I have told the relevant parties that I am prepared to participate in any discussion to achieve a better outcome.