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FROM: Heritage Ottawa

RE: Agenda 61, Item #20 -Master Plan Site Plan Approval & Lifting of the Holding Provision – Part of 930 Carling Avenue and 520 Preston Street

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this application. Heritage Ottawa has been an active participant in this process for over seven years.

I refer you to Document 2, p. 18 of the *Heritage Considerations* report submitted to BHSC for our detailed August 10, 2021 comments on the Plan and the Cultural Heritage Impact Statement (CHIS). I shall not reiterate these recommendations at this time except to congratulate City Heritage Planning staff for their input into both documents, especially the comprehensive Cultural Heritage Impact Statement.

Heritage Ottawa is pleased to have been a member of the Community Engagement Group (CEG) of The Ottawa Hospital since the current location was selected in December 2016. A major challenge for the CEG has been how to integrate the new hospital into the surrounding community and how to best mitigate the impact of the new hospital on the rest of the Central Experimental Farm National Historic Site of Canada while not diminishing the scientific research capacity of the Farm. Its proximity to the Rideau Canal World Heritage Site and the Dominion Observatory complex are subjects of further mitigation.

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Much has happened since the site was selected. Many of the original assurances given in respect to parking, gateway access and the siting of the adjacent LRT station have been modified. We suspect that there will be many more modifications made as the project progresses.

If this application is approved it is imperative that the mitigation measures as they affect the Farm, the Dominion Observatory complex and the Rideau Canal World Heritage Site noted in the CHIS be implemented as proposed. If not, any changes should be brought back to Planning Committee and Built Heritage Sub-Committee for further consideration and recommendation.

Finally, we are pleased to support motion d) proposed by Councillor Brockington to protect the Central Experimental Farm from further intrusions. Indeed, Heritage Ottawa has been working hard for many years to convince the Federal government to provide legislation to protect our national historic sites.

We look forward to our continuing involvement in this process.

Regards,
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