



September 9, 2019

Mr. Tobi Nussbaum  
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**RE: Protection of Linton Park, Ottawa**

Dear Mr. Nussbaum,

I wish to bring to your attention a motion adopted by unanimously by the Board of Directors of the Riverside Park Community and Recreation Association (RPCRA) on September 4, 2019 calling for the protection of Linton Park and adjacent green spaces, land owned by the NCC:

*Taking into account recent interest in the acquisition from the National Capital Commission of lands around Linton Park for commercial development; and*

*Further taking into account the significant environmental value and recreational use of Linton Park and its adjacent land to Riverside Park and its many other users;*

*The RPCRA calls upon the National Capital Commission to refrain from disposition of Linton Park and adjacent land so that it does not become available for commercial or other development which would adversely affect its environmental value and recreational use.*

*Adopted unanimously September 4, 2019*

Linton Park is located south of West Walkley Road, west of the Airport Parkway and north of the CN rail line in the Riverside Park neighbourhood. It comprises a large and long-established playing field and a sizable area of adjacent undeveloped green space. The Riverside Park community was very concerned when we learned that earlier this year several individuals sought to obtain some of this land for commercial development.

Linton Park and its surrounding green space is widely used for a variety of sports, notably Ultimate Frisbee league games, baseball, soccer, and other sports winter and summer and a large number of dog walkers and environmental enthusiasts. It is home to a host of wildlife flora and fauna (e.g. wild turkeys, foxes, rabbits, and the occasional deer and coyote, to mention only a few) including various diminishing species of birds and bees, as well the kind of flowers needed by migrating Monarch butterflies.

As Ottawa develops and the inner city grows out to meet us, we need to protect our diminishing green space. The value of Linton Park and its adjacent lands was clearly recognized in this regard in the City's approval in 2016 of the environmental assessment supporting the expansion of the Airport Parkway; any change in its status could have implications for this important project, which remains controversial.

Accordingly, RPCRA calls upon the National Capital Commission to refrain from disposition of Linton Park and adjacent land so that it does not become available for commercial or other development which would adversely affect its environmental value and recreational use. We would also appreciate being consulted early on should the NCC ever consider changing the status of these or other lands in our community.

We look forward to receiving your confirmation that Linton Park and its adjacent green space will continue to be retained by the NCC and protected from development.

Thank you,



Joel Duff  
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