

February 9, 2021

Mayor Jim Watson  
& Ottawa City Council  
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[Sent by email: [Jim.Watson@ottawa.ca](mailto:Jim.Watson@ottawa.ca)]

**RE: Planning Committee Recommendations to Council re. urban land expansion**

Dear Mayor Watson,

I am writing to you on behalf of the Riverside Park Community Association (RPCA) to echo the objections of the Federation of Citizens' Associations of Ottawa (FCA) and the chorus of First Nation's groups that are opposed to the Tewin development project.

On February 10, 2021 Ottawa City Council will deal with the recommendations from Planning Committee regarding expansion to the current urban boundary to accommodate future development. The RPCA is opposed the recommendation from City Planning Committee to award 445 hectares of Algonquin/Taggart land for future urban development.

Our objections are motivated by two factors: the city's commitment to prioritize growth through intensification over urban boundary expansion; and our support for the concerns expressed by Indigenous communities, about the lack of consultation on major decisions affecting Algonquin lands.

We believe that the City of Ottawa must grow responsibly and sustainably in every sense of those words. That includes preserving as much greenspace land as possible and ensuring that new developments are serviced by municipal transit and infrastructure. But it also requires community consultation and consent. In this case, the opposition of many Indigenous leaders are themselves evidence of the need for appropriate consultation and most certainly call into question the city's characterization of this project in terms of "reconciliation."

We are calling on City Council to reject the recommendation to support the Tewin project proposal.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Joel Duff', with a stylized, looped design.

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