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Mr. Paul Dewar, M.P.
Ottawa Centre
Room 519, Confederation Building
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Ottawa, Ontario
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Dear Mr. Dewar:

Thank you for your letter of February 28, 2008, addressed to Mike Muir, Land Manager, Urban Lands and Transportation Division, Environment, Capital Lands and Parks Branch at the National Capital Commission (NCC) regarding the vocation of the federal lands identified within the City of Ottawa's Community Design Plan (CDP) for the Richmond Road/Westboro community.

The Ottawa City Council adopted the CDP in July 2007 and has directed City staff to prepare an amendment to the Official Plan to assign secondary plan status to the CDP to recognize the importance of the community's contributions in developing this particular vision.

The NCC has reviewed the CDP from a Capital Planning perspective. We support many of the design principles outlined in the document, such as design concepts related to improved linkages to recreation pathways, streetscape amenities, implementing provisions to increase the landscaped areas and sidewalk widths along main street corridors and participating in greenspace discussions.

According to the *National Capital Act*, the NCC has the authority and responsibility to plan federal lands in the National Capital Region (NCR). The NCC is preparing the Capital Urban Lands Master Plan (CULMP) for federal land holdings within the urban area, including federal lands along the Ottawa River Parkway. This federal level CULMP is comprised of evaluation, analysis and public consultation phases and will ultimately identify appropriate land use policies for these federal lands. Therefore, some sites identified in the CDP are also part of this CULMP. The CULMP will examine the Ottawa River Parkway corridor in some detail, with provisions for public consultations. We look forward to integrating, to the greatest degree possible the diverse local community needs to experience a positive feeling of the Capital Region on federal lands along the Ottawa River Parkway.

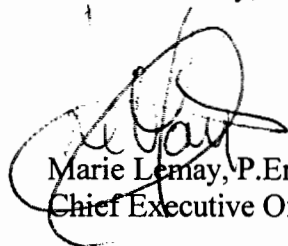
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We would be pleased to participate in discussions with the City, the community and all of the interested parties as part of the consultation process on the Capital Urban Lands Master Plan. NCC staff will be able to confirm land uses for these sites when the CULMP is at a more advanced stage.

We look forward to your, the communities' and the publics' continued input in this process.

Should you require additional details, please contact me at 613-239-5194, or Maureen Hayes, Senior Advisor, Intergovernmental Relations, at 613-239-5228.

Yours sincerely,



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