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Mr. Jeff Leiper
Councillor Ward 15 - Kitchissippi
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Re: Rochester Field

Dear Mr. Leiper:

Thank you for your letter regarding the Rochester Field Project.

The National Capital Commission (NCC) is enthusiastic about the future of the riverfront park along the Sir John A. Macdonald Parkway which includes Rochester Field. Members of our board as well as our staff are looking forward to bringing to life the inspiring vision set in the Sir John A. Macdonald Parkway Riverfront Park Plan that will soon be put before the NCC's Board of Directors for approval.

One of the main components of the Riverfront Park will be the new facilities and landscape planned for Rochester Field once the construction of Stage 2 of the LRT is completed. As you know, the Commission's goal with Rochester Field is to make it one of the most beautiful parks in the city, with amenities accessible to residents and visitors to the capital to enjoy.

As part of the NCC-City agreement, the City agreed that a portion representing two thirds of Rochester Field would be developed for future mixed-use. However, after considerable planning between NCC and City staff, it was agreed that the best location for mixed-use development would be along Richmond Rd, on a parcel representing less than 20% of the total field. Thus ensuring over 80% of the area will remain green space. We can confirm that our intent to develop this land will be through a long term lease.

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As per our usual practice, the NCC will conduct public consultations with the community when the time comes to initiate the development of this parcel.

The main objectives of the Commission for this future development, as with all others, are to ensure the highest quality of design and to enhance the landscape, streetscape and amenities in the area. The NCC recognizes that it is only through close collaboration that we can build projects that are inspiring and exemplary.

I trust that we can work together to ensure that Rochester Field becomes a majestic gateway to the Ottawa River that all the residents of Ottawa will be able to enjoy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a stylized 'M' followed by a horizontal line that tapers to the right.

Dr. Mark Kristmanson
Chief Executive Officer