

Summary of Letters to Clublink and Jim Watson – Feb 11, 2019

The Kanata Community Steering Committee, composed of Kanata North community association leaders and other volunteers, has been meeting weekly and working hard on behalf of residents to oppose the proposed Clublink redevelopment of the golf course. On February 11, 2019, the Steering Committee sent two important letters, one to Clublink and the other to Mayor Jim Watson. The letters were signed by the presidents of the Kanata Lakes Community Association, Kanata Beaverbrook Community Association, and four other Kanata North community associations.

Letter to Clublink

Our letter to Clublink Vice-President, Robert Visentin, stated with absolute clarity that the Kanata community is overwhelmingly opposed to Clublink's redevelopment proposal. We made several critical points:

1. When Clublink bought the golf course in 1996, the company freely and voluntarily assumed and agreed to be bound by all of the legal obligations in the 40% Agreement and other agreements that apply to the golf course lands.
2. Clublink clearly understood that it was buying a limited right of ownership, given that the company was obligated to operate the property as a golf course in perpetuity. In light of this, we called on Clublink to immediately stop its drilling and site investigation work on the golf course because it is incompatible with the company's limited ownership rights.
3. Given Clublink's apparent desire to stop operating the golf course, we noted that paragraph 5 (4) of the 40% Agreement leading to a new buyer, new operator or transfer of the golf course property to the City would have to be complied with. We added that the Kanata community would be supporting the City's efforts to enforce paragraph 5 (4).
4. We pointed out to Clublink that the Kanata community is prepared to act independently in its own best interests, including in legal proceedings.

Letter to the City of Ottawa

Our letter to Mayor Jim Watson stated that the Kanata community's absolute and overwhelming opposition to the Clublink proposal for the redevelopment of the golf course. These key points were made to Mayor Watson:

1. We commended the City for writing to Clublink to get a clear statement of the company's intentions. That being said, we expressed concern about the growing record that already

indicates Clublink's desire to stop operating the golf course and about the legal ramifications of that situation.

2. We were clear that Clublink has to comply with paragraph 5 (4) of the 40% Agreement, and we pledged support for the City so long as it stands behind the Agreement. We urged better cooperation, coordination and transparency from the City with the Kanata community.
3. We put the City on notice that the Kanata community retains the right to act independently in its own best interests, including legal proceedings and compensation for damages suffered.