

PETITION TO THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

**Threat to a National Historic Site, 750 mature trees and Queen Juliana Commemorative Park in Ottawa**

Whereas:

- The National Capital Commission (NCC) recommended the release of 53 acres of surplus federal office land at Tunney’s Pasture for the new Ottawa Hospital;
- The NCC ran a six-month public consultation, worked with the current hospital on developing 21 site criteria, and evaluated 12 different sites, in reaching their recommendation;
- The City of Ottawa seemed to accept the recommendation but 72 hours later switched the site to a pristine green space that is popular for outdoor activities;
- The decision to switch sites was made without any studies on the environmental, transportation or health impacts of the switch;
- The proposed private/public development plan contains 17 acres of parking, including a four-story parking structure on what is now Queen Juliana Park;
- Queen Juliana Park was established to honour the 7,600 Canadians who died liberating the Netherlands and serves as the site of popular Algonquin Pow Wows in the summer;
- The sudden switch to the farm made available three to four billion dollars worth of developable land at the NCC recommended site;
- A panel of Ottawa residents convened themselves to review the decision;
- The panel included a former Ontario Superior court judge, Mme Monique Metivier, an internationally celebrated Canadian medical physicist, Dr. David W.O. Rogers, a distinguished Canadian environmental engineer, Dr. Frank Johnson, and an award winning international investigative journalist, Dr. Declan Hill;
- The panel sought answers from the City of Ottawa but did not receive any;
- The panel unanimously resolved to call for a public inquiry; and
- More than 8,000 Canadians have signed a Change.org petition calling for a public inquiry.

We, the undersigned, **Citizens of Canada**, call upon the **Government of Canada** to:

- **Restore** the National Capital Commission’s recommendation of Tunney’s Pasture as the ideal site for the new Ottawa hospital;
- **Preserve** Queen Juliana Park and the entire Central Experimental Farm as greenspaces; and
- **Support** the panel’s request for a public inquiry, led by the Province of Ontario, into why the NCC’s site recommendation was set aside so quickly and summarily.

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