



KBCA Community Update

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We can all be proud of our current and recent activities. This fall, KBCA promoted a joyous community Traveling Dinner (thanks, Eileen!) and public meetings with hundreds of concerned Kanata people.

We have been challenged by the proposal to re-zone the institutional lands at #2 The Parkway into a high rise residential development. This precedent would open all of Kanata as fair game for infill of the worst kind, pitting neighbour against neighbourhood and destroying the fifty-year plan and basic vision for Kanata.

What do we get from the City – no leadership, just the refrain that times change, move with the times, trust the developer. Nothing to indicate support for our community values. No clear support from Council. Warnings to us to compromise on the basics or to lose.

With your citizen donations of over \$20,000, KBCA engaged the distinguished award-winning Canadian expert planner, Dr Barry Wellar, MCIP, RPP.

Dr. Wellar's expert opinion is posted on the KBCA website at the tab "Keep to the Plan". Please refer to Dr Wellar's thorough and shocking exposé on www.beaverbrookcommunity.ca Dr Wellar bares many deliberate planning gaps, errors and serious and damaging precedents in The Parkway proposal. Some of these precedents harm Ottawa as a whole. Why is it coming to this? What is wrong?

In his expert review, Dr Wellar finds no valid reason to remove the institutional zoning from Kanata, or to re-zone it into a residential classification to serve short term interests. Kanata needs its public lands for public use. This is the last institutional land in Beaverbrook. It is essential for medical clinics, senior care facility, etc. Without land, how can Ottawa serve communities? How can we ever get back the public land we give away?

There is, however, plenty of land zoned for residential intensification in the Kanata Town Centre, where taxpayers spent millions on planning and infrastructure. Kanata needs such intensification and we encourage it there, in its proper place. If the building planned for 2 The Parkway was proposed in the town centre, we would support it.

Bill Teron, the "father of Kanata", has come forward to help. Mr. Teron is matching your donations, dollar for dollar. He is contributing his spiritual leadership too. At

crowded KBCA meetings jammed with hundreds of people, Mr. Teron testified against the “growing sickness in City planning, a system-wide failure”. Please see our video of his statement on www.beaverbrookcommunity.ca. You are invited to request a copy of Mr Teron’s special report on Kanata, and its founding principles and values (see our contacts below). This beautifully illustrated and personally narrated report is your gift, as a household member of KBCA, directly from Bill Teron.

All this is why we are meeting with other Kanata and Ottawa neighbourhoods who also feel threatened – and they are – by spot re-zoning such as at 2 The Parkway. They tell us they are fighting overloaded sewers, floods, neighbourhood-busting and reduced values by bad development and environmental spoilage.

To prepare for the City's Planning Committee review of the re-zoning, and a possible court case, we also asked, in writing, for a copy of the City Planner’s report, or the draft. We need to know how it reflects our expert’s opinion, the report by Bill Teron and the hundreds of public inputs. We have not been given the draft. Instead we were asked to meet with the developer and negotiate a compromise. That is not what we want.

Your continuing support is very important. You have given us energy and resources. With your help we are ready to continue. Please come to this important meeting. If you need more information, please let us know. Your financial gifts are welcome and essential for this project to secure Kanata and address the sickness in Ottawa planning.

Please help!

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Thank you, for your generous support.

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