

November 8, 2022

Mark Sutcliffe,
Mayor-elect
City of Ottawa
110 Laurier Avenue West
Ottawa, Ontario K1P 1J1

RE: Protection of the National Capital Greenbelt

Dear Mayor-elect Sutcliffe,

On behalf of the Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society, Ottawa Valley Chapter (CPAWS OV), I want to congratulate you on winning the recent mayoral election. We wish you every success in making Ottawa an even better place to live and in protecting and improving the environment.

CPAWS is Canada's only charity dedicated to the protection of public land, freshwater and oceans. We have a strong national presence and in almost sixty years of success, have protected almost half a million square kilometers of land.

Our goal is to permanently protect Canada's land and water for current and future generations. CPAWS OV, along with other like-minded organizations, is currently beginning a campaign to protect the National Capital Commission's (NCC) Greenbelt by transforming it into a National Urban Park.

Although the Greenbelt is owned by the federal government through the NCC, the citizens of Ottawa enjoy and greatly benefit from this precious territory.

During the election campaign, we were pleased to see that you shared our goal of protecting the Greenbelt. "There is no question we must protect the greenbelt, and ensure that development stays within the urban boundary,' Sutcliffe said." (Citizen, Sep 20, 2022)

As our campaign begins, we would like to have the opportunity to meet with you to discuss our shared goals in protecting our vital green infrastructure.

We look forward to working with you. We wish you every success in improving, protecting and making Ottawa an example for the world of an environmentally friendly capital city of a great nation.

Yours sincerely,



Paul Lemoine,
President, CPAWS Ottawa Valley