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Ms. Judy Dodds
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Dear Ms. Dodds:

Thank you for your recent correspondence regarding the Central Experimental Farm National Historic Site of Canada.

As Minister of the Environment and Climate Change and Minister responsible for Parks Canada, I designate places, persons and events of national historic significance on the recommendation of the Historic Sites and the Monuments Board of Canada, the body that advises me on historical matters. The Board evaluates the significance of a nominated subject by considering whether it has had a national impact on Canadian history or represents a national example or illustration of Canadian human history. Any change to the status, commemorative integrity and boundaries of national historic sites comes under my ministerial responsibilities.

The Central Experimental Farm, which is managed by Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, currently is and will remain a national historic site for the foreseeable future. The responsibility of protecting heritage sites, buildings and cultural resources on federal lands, such as the Central Experimental Farm, remains with each custodian department or agency. Parks Canada and the Board encourage the protection of the historic values of national historic sites and trust that sites will be managed in accordance with sound cultural resource management principles.

As you have already sent a copy of your correspondence to the Honourable Lawrence MacAulay, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food, and to the Honourable Mélanie Joly, Minister of Canadian Heritage, who is also responsible for the National Capital Commission, and given that the Experimental Farm land transfer falls under their purview, I have taken the liberty of forwarding them a copy of this response and trust that they will give all due consideration to this matter.

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I trust this information is helpful.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. McKenna', with a horizontal line extending to the right.

The Honourable Catherine McKenna, P.C., M.P.

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The Honourable Mélanie Joly, P.C., M.P.