

Subject: Fwd: Our Health/Our Future - A Coalition of Community Groups for a New Hospital
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Dear Fellow Community Associations,

I would like to share an email and letter with you from our newly formed coalition of community groups, Our Health/Our Future.

We have been brought together because we have concerns about the new Ottawa Hospital Civic Campus location at Dow's Lake. We feel that there are interests we all share, and if you would like to add your voice to our coalition you would be most welcome!

The key issues we've put forward are:

- 1) The Environment. Dow's Lake is an ecologically sensitive area. It is valuable green space in the city core which helps reduce a heat island effect and helps keep our city cooler. It is a valuable "sponge" in the spring and during heavy rainfalls, reducing the overflow of storm water and combined storm/sewer water into the Ottawa River. Did you know that over 344M liters of combined storm/sewer water overflowed into the Ottawa River in 2020? What happens in the city core matter regardless of where you live.
- 2) Cost. There are many physical challenges with the Dow's Lake site that are sure to cost all of us as tax payers more that it needs to or should.
- 3) Traffic and Parking. The Hospital estimates the Civic Campus will employ 10000 staff. It is expected to receive 1M visitors/year - that's ~ 2700/day. There will only be 3000 parking spaces. The parking garage will loom large over the Dow's Lake site. And clearly, the parking will not accommodate the staff and visitors. There are plans to build transportation infrastructure, but that will be years - even decades down the road.

We hope that you will add your voice to this important initiative.

Our Health. Our Future. We share in it together.

Kind regards,
Carmen Sanchez
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