

## Saving the Farm & Queen Juliana Park Environmental assessment requested

On Friday, November 5, Joel Harden, MPP for Ottawa Centre, sent a letter to Steven Guilbeault, Minister of the Environment and Climate Change. It asks for an environmental impact assessment of the Civic Campus site.

WHAT YOU CAN DO: You can easily support this request by adding your signature to the letter via this [link](#).

Ottawa's new hospital — Will bigger really be better?

Take a minute to read this [Citizen article](#) by Dr. Barry Bruce, former chief of staff of the Queensway-Carleton Hospital. He suggests that “it is a mistake to put so many health-care eggs in one basket” and argues for more distributed hospital model.

A Citizen interview in 2015 with Ottawa Hospital CEO, Dr. Jack Kitts and Chief of Staff Dr. Jeff Turnbull describes the plan for the new Civic in similar terms: smaller and more efficient than current hospitals, unlikely to have any more beds than the existing hospital, moving simple surgeries out of the Civic to existing community hospitals or new facilities where they will be less costly.

WHAT YOU CAN DO: Help us to build a case against a mega-hospital on the Experimental Farm by sending Christine Elliott, Ontario Minister of Health, a link to Dr. Bruce’s article and ask why this sensible approach changed. Your family doc and physician friends may be happy to do the same.

Parking garage on Queen Juliana Park

The city is receiving public comments on the site plan for the 5-acre, 4-storey monster parking garage until November 12.

Our tree champion, Jake Morrison, reviewed the Environmental Impact submission and discovered a major discrepancy between the Master Site Plan and the Garage Site Plan.

The Master Plan approved by city council reports the loss of 119 trees. The so-called “Tree Conservation” effort in the garage site plan lists 358, a three-fold increase. It now appears that the entire southern half of the escarpment will be pretty much clear-cut.

WHAT YOU CAN DO: send a comment to [Sean Moore](#), the city planner assigned to the hospital project.

Definitely worth a read

Clive Doucet’s eloquent [opinion piece](#) in the Citizen.