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Dear Mr. Zigoumis and Mr. Walker,

This communication is a response to a request from the University of Ottawa to consider the Terms of Reference for a Public Consultation Strategy Report Site Planning Application (SPA) requirement for the proposed Advanced Medical Research Center (AMRC) development at 451 Smyth Road.

The AMRC is an addition to the Faculty of Medicine Roger Guindon building, adjacent to CHEO and the Ottawa Hospital on the General Hospital Campus. This development will tremendously increase the inventory of desperately need medical research space as well as the infrastructure that Innovation partnerships need to incubate and deploy the business and medical innovations of the future. The City of Ottawa has assigned this project to the High Economic Impact Program (HEIP) to help expedite the SPA timeline and associated processes.

Understanding that the University of Ottawa with its builder, PCL Construction, are currently in pre-consultation processes with the City of Ottawa HEIP team and that a Public Consultation Strategy Report can be requested for development applications for Site Plan Control, Zoning By-law amendment, Official Plan amendment, my office has opted to not proceed with a public consultation. My decision takes into account the fact that public consultation value has been reviewed with nearby the Community associations, all in agreement. The university has agreed to participate in any presentations the Community Associations may wish to have, and I will continue to work closely with the University of Ottawa to provide updates to the community as the project progresses and share any resident feedback received by my office.

Sincerely,

Councillor Marty Carr, Ward 18 - Alta Vista