OSCA
Old Ottawa South Community Association

To: Katherine Constantine, Canada Lands Company
Subject: Village Canada

March 18, 2026

Dear Ms. Constantine,

The Village Canada Consortium Inc. recently presented their vision for a vibrant, non-profit, intergenerational, seniors' village at 875 Heron Road of Confederation Heights to the Board of the Old Ottawa South Community Association (OSCA). OSCA wishes to voice our support for this community-led vision, and to urge government and regulatory bodies to approve and assist in its development.

The specific objectives are:

- To ensure that non-profit, affordable housing is built for seniors, students, people with disabilities and families, and fully integrated into the surrounding community.
- To ensure the availability of on-site support services to residents of Confederation Heights, including medical and home care, social supports and recreational opportunities.
- To encourage the implementation of innovations in design that optimize physical and mental health, such as opportunities for social interaction, green space and active living; as well as the incorporation of technologies that sustain independence and safety. The Village will be a living lab for innovations in healthy living.
- To encourage the development of sustainable housing and diversity of communities and incomes on lands that remain in public hands for future generations.

This is the kind of community-based initiative which tackles large and complex issues in a practical and timely way. Given the proximity of 875 Heron Road to Old Ottawa South, we believe that many current residents of our neighbourhood, including seniors, students and families with modest incomes, would benefit from the affordable and supportive housing options this initiative would provide. Along with many neighbouring organizations who are actively involved in the Village Canada Consortium, including the Heron Park Community Association, Glebe Centre and Abbotsford Community Programs, OSCA is in full support of this important and exciting initiative.

Sincerely,

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