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Dear Ms. Constantine

Re: Village Canada Proposal for the Former Data Center Site at 875 Heron Road

On behalf of the Council on Aging of Ottawa's (COA) Age-Friendly Housing Committee, we are pleased to express our strong support for the Village Canada Consortium proposal to develop an innovative, non-profit intergenerational seniors' village on the 23-acre former Data Center site at 875 Heron Road, within the Confederation Heights redevelopment area.

The Council on Aging of Ottawa is a non-profit organization dedicated to advancing the well-being of older adults through education, advocacy, and community engagement. The Age-Friendly Housing Committee works to promote affordable, accessible, available, and appropriate housing options that enable older adults to age safely and with dignity in the communities they call home.

Ottawa's older adult population is growing rapidly, increasing the demand for housing models that support healthy aging, social connection, and independence. The Village Canada proposal directly addresses this need by creating a community where older adults can age in place while benefiting from integrated supports, accessible design, affordable housing options, and meaningful opportunities to remain connected to family, neighbors, and the broader community.

The proposed development reflects many of the principles that research has shown contribute to successful aging. By combining housing with health and community supports, innovative technologies, recreation opportunities, green space, and intergenerational programming, Village Canada would help reduce social isolation, support physical and mental well-being, and enable residents to remain independent for longer. The inclusion of services such as home care, health care, childcare, and community programming would create a vibrant and supportive environment that benefits residents of all ages.

The Village Canada concept is also consistent with the findings of the Council on Aging's citywide consultations with older adults, documented in our report: [More than Four Walls: Age Friendly Housing Builds Connections and Community](#). Through these consultations, older adults consistently identified the need for affordable housing options that are integrated with health,

social, and community support. They emphasized the importance of living in communities that foster social connections, accessibility, safety, and opportunities for active participation in community life.

Furthermore, the proposal aligns with broader municipal, provincial, and federal priorities related to housing affordability, healthy aging, community inclusion, and the reduction of pressures on health and long-term care systems. As governments seek innovative approaches to support an aging population, Village Canada presents an opportunity to demonstrate how age-friendly community design can improve quality of life while contributing to more sustainable and integrated systems of care.

As Canada Lands Company considers future development opportunities within Confederation Heights, we believe the Village Canada proposal represents a unique opportunity to create a nationally recognized model of age-friendly, intergenerational community development. The project would not only address the pressing need for affordable and supportive housing for older adults. Still, it would also showcase how federal lands can be leveraged to create inclusive, sustainable, and socially connected communities.

We respectfully encourage Canada Lands Company to give serious consideration to the Village Canada proposal and to recognize its potential to serve as a transformative community asset for Ottawa and a model for other communities across Canada.

We appreciate your consideration. We would welcome the opportunity to discuss the housing needs of Ottawa's older adults and the benefits of innovative age-friendly housing developments such as Village Canada.

Sincerely,

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