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Comments submitted by the Greenspace Alliance re draft Conditions on a Certificate of Property Use at Lansdowne & Sylvia Holden Park proposed by the Ontario Ministry of the Environment. Erwin

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To: Steve Burns

District Manager
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Cc: Mayor and Councillors

Re: EBR # 011-6997 - Lansdowne Certificate of Property Use

Dear Mr. Burns,

We write to comment on two of the draft conditions for the "Certificate of Property Use (CPU) to the City of Ottawa for Zone C of a site currently known as Lansdowne Park & Sylvia Holden Commemorative Park."

1. Re <4.2.2 (e) when any part of a plant is located above the Former Eastern Landfill and such plant has a potential of being used as food/produce or for its medicinal properties, all such

vegetation plantings shall have their roots fully contained within planters;>

It is our understanding that it is the City's intent to establish an heirloom orchard on top of the former landfill and we commend the Ministry for its exercise of caution that roots of trees with consumable produce should not penetrate into the landfill. However, we believe that long term success growing fruit trees in planters may be in doubt. This restriction may therefore well be a reason for the City to abandon the idea of an heirloom orchard.

We suggest that there is an alternative, namely to dig, say, 5 feet down, dispose of the material responsibly and fill the area with healthy soil. We wish the Ministry would explicitly offer this alternative to the City.

If declining to put fruit trees in planters, the City may wish to put other types of trees there. We wonder what the Ministry's views are in that eventuality. Could root contact with unknown landfill material have detrimental effects on fauna or flora, e.g. direct or indirect consumption by birds, insects or any other living entities? We suggest that the Ministry address this matter in its Conditions.

2. Re: <4.2.7 (c) The Ground Water Monitoring Program shall be carried out for a minimum period of five (5) years from the date of issuance of the CPU. >

Again we commend the Ministry for requiring at least five years of groundwater monitoring. There are too many unknowns here, and seasonal variability, to be satisfied with anything less than a 5-year monitoring period.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Amy Kempster (via Erwin Dreessen)

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