

March 3, 2020

Mr. Tobi Nussbaum
Chief Executive Officer
National Capital Commission
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(Also sent by email to Tobi.Nussbaum@ncc-ccn.ca)

Dear Mr. Nussbaum,

RE: Hog's Back Swing Bridge Rehabilitation

On behalf of the Riverside Park Community Association I am writing for help in expediting the completion of the Hog's Back swing bridge repair project.

Our community association advocates for residents and businesses located around Mooney's Bay in Ottawa and we have been significantly and negatively impacted by the current closure of Hog's Back Road, between Colonel By Drive and Prince of Wales Drive. Though the swing bridge rehabilitation is vital and overdue, it is, as you know, extremely disruptive to local and commuter traffic. No through-traffic on Hog's Back Road to Prince of Wales Drive has resulted in excessive traffic volumes on Heron Road, Riverside Drive, Baseline Road, and Hunt Club Road.

Last week, the National Capital Commission announced a delay to the project with bridge closure extended an additional three months, until August 28th, 2020. As you know, when repairs to the swing bridge are completed, Parks Canada will begin construction on the fixed bridge for another eight months, extending this road disruption into Spring 2021.

We ask that the National Capital Commission consider all possible measures to shorten construction timelines and mitigate impacts, including augmentation of evening and/or weekend construction schedules.

We are grateful for your urgent attention to this matter and would appreciate a response confirming your plans to address these concerns. We also hope to maintain open lines of communication with your office during construction, so we can keep residents updated on progress.

We wish you all the best in this vital refurbishment, and we believe that the NCC and local residents are united in a shared desire for a successful outcome, with minimal disruption throughout.

Thank you,



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Riverside Park Community Association (RPCA)

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Hon. David McGuinty, Member of Parliament, Ottawa South

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