



Carleton Students Team Up with the KGPC to Fight Developer Greed

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Kanata Greenspace Protection Coalition Fights Developer Greed to Save Protected Greenspace

Since 2019 the Kanata Greenspace Protection Coalition (KGPC) has been fighting to protect public greenspace in Kanata North from being developed by Clublink.

Today the KGPC has teamed up with Carleton students to support their fight to protect local green space. The KGPC and Carleton students have been working to grow the support from young people in the community in their fight to protect a key area of shared greenspace for environmental sustainability in Kanata North.

Carleton students have created an Instagram page that highlights the issues that the KGPC are facing in their fight to protect the greenspace. Using Instagram the students are working to gain the support of younger demographics in Kanata and across the city of Ottawa to join the fight for environmental sustainability.

Background:

In 1970, Campeau Corporation purchased land from Bill Teron to build a new Kanata neighbourhood. Teron had envisioned Kanata to be a community with large amounts of open public green space within local neighbourhoods. Don Kennedy of Campeau Corporation worked with members of the community to develop the 40% Agreement which requires 40% of the new Kanata neighbourhood (now Kanata Lakes and the KNL lands) to be green space.

The 40% Agreement supported the development of an 18 hole golf course to be accessible to the public during winter months for outdoor activities. The 40% Agreement has been in effect since 1981 and has been respected by multiple land owners and community developers. Today the golf course land is owned by Clublink, Canada's largest owner and operator of golf clubs. Clublink is trying to break that agreement. Clublink wants to violate a 40-year agreement to develop the public green space to boost their profit margins. This development would be placing 1500 homes on top of accessible greenspace that is used for storm waste management which is critical to protecting the neighbourhoods. This storm waste management protects the area from the detrimental effects caused by strong storms that we have seen recently in the Ottawa area.

A group of Carleton students believe that during a climate crisis and with bill 23 looming over the heads of Ontarians, this is no time to destroy public green space. That is why Carleton students and the KGPC have teamed up to gain support for the fight to respect the 40% Agreement and say no to developing our green space.

We invite you to speak with us and members of the Kanata Greenspace Protection Coalition to learn more about how students have teamed up to demand Clublink respect the 40% Agreement and to save protected greenspace. We would like to schedule an exclusive with the Charlatan about this project to aid in engaging youth within the community.

Background:

The Kanata Greenspace Protection Coalition was started in 2019 to preserve and protect green spaces and promote the value of a natural environment. For more information here is the link to the KGPC website <https://ourkanatagreenspace.ca/> or check out our Instagram @studentssupportingkgpc