



Rockcliffe Park Residents' Association

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Via Email

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Attention: Ms. Julie Smyth, Secretary

Dear RLTC Board of Directors,

Re: Tennis Court Lighting

I am writing on behalf of the Rockcliffe Park Residents Association.

In the lead-up to your annual general meeting on December 6, I have been advised that your Members' views are being sought on your priorities for the RLTC, including the lighting of tennis courts.

We are writing to urge the RLTC, as we did prior to your AGM last year, not to pursue future lighting plans without consulting your neighbours in Rockcliffe Park, which you have previously committed to doing, and in the spirit of being a good neighbour.

In our June Rockcliffe newsletter, which was distributed to all of the residents of Rockcliffe Park, the RPRA published a statement regarding the matter of tennis court lighting. I would like to briefly re-iterate from this statement the following:

“There are legitimate concerns regarding tennis court lighting in the sensitive location of the RLTC. The RPRA appealed to the RLTC in the past not to pursue future lighting plans in recognition of our protected nighttime environment, and in the spirit of being a good neighbour. The RPRA values the tennis club as an important community facility and is looking forward to continued dialogue and partnership...”

I am also attaching a copy of the full text of the article that the RPRA Heritage Committee Chair wrote in a recent newsletter article to the Rockcliffe Park neighbourhood, in which she stated, in effect, that had the Heritage Committee been asked to review the issue of lighting of the RLTC Courts, that it would have opposed it.

I encourage the RLTC to consider obtaining the assurances of Mr. George Sexton, or a similarly qualified urban lighting expert, to inform your conversations with your neighbours in Rockcliffe Park. Mr. Sexton spoke at our last meeting of the RPRA Board of Directors and is acquainted with our heritage conservation district. Finally, we ask that the RLTC consider whether there are any noise violation impacts for your neighbours arising from your current or future activities at the RLTC, which may be from time to time exceed City of Ottawa regulations.

If we may facilitate full and meaningful consultations with your neighbours in Rockcliffe Park, please let me know.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Russell Gibson", with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Russell Gibson, President, Rockcliffe Park Residents Association

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cc. RPRA Board, Ms. Linda Dicaire, Chair, RPRA Heritage Committee