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Mrs. Yolaine Munter  
Chair  
Board of Directors  
Caldwell Family Centre  
20-1100 Medford Street  
Ottawa, On K1Z 8L5

Dear Mrs. Munter,

Thank you for letting me know that the hub working group will be meeting on September 19.

The City of Ottawa is proud of its long-standing relationship and partnership with the Caldwell Family Centre, which is providing support and services to low income residents, families and children in the west end.

I am writing to confirm our support for your proposal to build the Caldwell Community Hub on City land adjacent to the Carlington Recreation Centre.

I will be pleased to work with the Caldwell Family Centre to bring a motion to Council to cede the required land for \$1 once the Caldwell Family Centre has secured capital funding for its proposed expansion, from the two other levels of government and potential private philanthropic and non-profit foundation funds.

As mentioned in our last exchange, we are expecting the Province of Ontario and the Government of Canada to announce a new infrastructure program sometime in late 2018 or in the first half of 2019. I once again extend my invitation to you to meet after the details of any new funding become available.

Concurrently, I have received advice from staff that there is nothing stopping Caldwell from starting to fundraise and plan its future hub at the site you have identified as your preferred site. Such high level planning would be a necessary 1<sup>st</sup> step in being able to share – with residents – Caldwell's suggested plan for the site.

Councillor Brockington has met with you on numerous occasions and he has suggested community outreach and consultations on your proposal. Namely, he has asked that you work with him to discuss this project with the main stakeholder groups in Carlington and then together, coordinate a public forum with the general public, to ensure that they are aware of the plans and to seek feedback on your proposed project.

In closing, I am pleased to reconfirm that both Councillor Brockington and I support the Caldwell Family Centre's proposed hub, as well as the course of action outlined in this letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jim Watson", with a horizontal line underneath.

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Cc: Riley Brockington  
Councillor-River Ward  
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Mrs. Marilyn Matheson  
Executive Director  
Caldwell Family Centre