

# PRESS RELEASE

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**OTTAWA.** “24 Sussex Drive. The lights are on, but no-one’s home”.  
<https://ottawacitizen.com/news/local-news/24-sussex-is-crumbling-and-now-we-have-the-details>

Jerry Kovacs, candidate in the Rideau-Rockcliffe Ward By-election, today announced that he intends to advocate for the establishment of a **Citizen’s Advisory Committee** that will hold public meetings and make recommendations regarding the future of 24 Sussex Drive.

“The house has been vacant for almost 4 years”, Kovacs said. “As reported in the Ottawa Citizen, the house is ‘crumbling’”.

- Prime Minister Trudeau refuses to make a decision.
- The National Capital Commission refuses to make a decision.

“It’s costing the taxpayers a lot of money to maintain this empty, expensive house while people, including Veterans are sleeping on the streets of Ottawa. This is insane,” Kovacs said.

Jerry Kovacs believes that a Citizen’s Advisory Committee is an idea that can speed up the resolution of this problem before the end of 2019. He said he intends to contact the National Capital Commission, community associations and stakeholders such as Heritage Ottawa (<https://heritageottawa.org/>) for their advice and recommendations on how to get this problem resolved.

“There are three kinds of people in the world”, Kovacs said. “People who make things happen. People who watch things happen. People who don’t know what’s happening. I will be a City Councillor who makes things happen in Rideau-Rockcliffe Ward”.

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# Waste

**In tort, waste is a spoil or destruction to property, gardens, or other corporeal hereditaments, to the injury of the reversion or remainder.**

It is to be distinguished from the concept of waste under environmental law, as governed by the Waste Framework Directive 2008 (*Directive 2008/98/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 19 November 2008 on waste and repealing certain Directives*) and other similar legislation. Waste consists of any act that alters the nature of land, whether for the better or for the worse.

It can arise in a landlord and tenant context and also where there are life interests.

Its purpose is to prevent a limited owner despoiling the land to the detriment of those in reversion or remainder.

**There are four types of waste:**

- [Ameliorating waste](#).
- [Permissive waste](#).
- [Voluntary waste](#).
- [Equitable waste](#).

**The remedy is damages or an injunction.**

If, for example, a tenant for life has profited from the waste, the tenant for life may have to account for the money received.