



**Motions passed by the Board of the Glebe Community Association on  
Tuesday, October 27, 2009 concerning the Lansdowne Partnership Plan**

1. Whereas the GCA supports the revitalization of Lansdowne Park through a fair, open and competitive process that includes the meaningful engagement of the public in all stages of the process; and,

Whereas the GCA believes that Lansdowne Park is an important public asset and that public control, management and access should be maintained; and,

Whereas the current Lansdowne Partnership Plan respects neither of the above principles:

Be it resolved that that the GCA

1.a) actively oppose the "Lansdowne Partnership Plan" and ask City Council to reject the unsolicited OSEG proposal and to reinstate an open and competitive process for Lansdowne Park

1.b) call on the City to follow the best practices in urban planning and public engagement in all stages of the planning of Lansdowne Park, including the articulation of a vision for the site prior to any competitive process

1.c) communicate to the City the position that Lansdowne Park must remain a public space--planned, managed and operated by the City for the benefit of the citizens of Ottawa.

2. Whereas Lansdowne Park is located in the Glebe and the site's redevelopment will have significant impacts on the quality of life of residents, on the character of the community, on ecological sustainability, and on the livelihood of local merchants and businesses in the Glebe and in neighbouring communities:

Be it resolved that the GCA:

2.a) ask the city to demonstrate how the Lansdowne Partnership Plan complies with the principles of Ottawa's 2020 plan (including the principle of building liveable communities), the city's master transportation plan (which calls for major urban facilities to be build near transit), the Ontario Planning Act (which requires new developments to be compatible with the character of the surrounding area) and the Strong Communities Act.

2.b) ask the city, prior to approving any plan for Lansdowne Park, to carry out comprehensive, independent community impact studies including:

- a comprehensive traffic study that is not limited to questions of access to Lansdowne Park but also to impact issues such as cut-through traffic, pedestrian safety and the maintenance of regular neighbourhood movement.
- a comprehensive parking study that shows the impact of increased on-street parking on local businesses, community institutions and on the daily life of residents,
- evaluation of the expected impacts on the vitality and character of Bank Street as a traditional main street,
- studies on the impacts on the health and well-being of nearby residents including the impacts of increased noise (from events and HVAC systems), light pollution, traffic, crowds and congestion. This study should pay specific attention to impacts on vulnerable populations, such as the residents in the seniors long-term care facility at the Glebe Centre and the Glebe Parents Daycare,
- a comprehensive environmental impact study,
- capacity of the existing educational, social, cultural, and recreational infrastructure to support the new development,
- whether there is a need for the city to keep public land at Lansdowne Park available for community facilities or services that are now lacking in the area (e.g. community gardens, sports fields, open space, green space) and need to be provided according to city plans, standards and policies.

3. Whereas Frank Clair Stadium currently occupies more than 1/4 of Lansdowne Park and the future of the site cannot be planned until the question of the future location for a City of Ottawa stadium is resolved,

Be it resolved that the GCA:

3.a) ask the city to complete a thorough study on the requirements, costing and best location for a stadium in the City of Ottawa and to designate a site for a stadium facility.

4. Whereas the discussions about the Lansdowne Partnership Plan have led to a consensus about certain desired features for any future Lansdowne Park development,

Be it resolved that the GCA:

4.a) communicate to the City that its members support

- the use of the Aberdeen Pavilion and adjacent outdoor space as the home of the Ottawa Farmers Market
- the preservation and enhancement of the Lansdowne Park's heritage buildings, and respect for the heritage character and values of the entire site and of its connections to the Rideau Canal
- the creation of dedicated and permanent green space on at least 1/3 of the Lansdowne Park site and increased emphasis on the sustainability of the entire site
- the use of Lansdowne Park for public and community recreation and sports
- the renovation of the Civic Centre and the preservation of the arena

5. Whereas the Lansdowne Partnership Plan calls for intensive retail and commercial use of public land; and

Whereas consultation with our members has shown that there is little support for this scale of development:

Be it resolved that the GCA:

5a) communicate to the City that the GCA supports mixed uses for Lansdowne Park but opposes:

- commercialization and de facto privatization of public land
- retail and commercial developments that are out of scale with neighbouring communities and businesses
- housing patterns that are not compatible with the surrounding community and that do not include consideration of social needs such as affordable housing and rental housing.

6. Whereas the Lansdowne Partnership Plan calls for an investment of nearly \$130 million of taxpayers money: and

Whereas questions have been raised about the risks associated with this investment: and

Whereas the publicly available information on the financing is unnecessarily complex

Be it resolved that the GCA

6a) ask the City to commission an independent financial analysis of the proposed business model prior to making a decision, and

6b) ask the City to resist encumbering future tax revenues for use in designated loan repayments.