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Dear Jean-Charles Renaud,

Re: D07-12-24-0082  
Site Plan for the Event Centre at Lansdowne Park

I am writing on behalf of the Glebe Community Association to provide comments on the proposed site plan for the new event centre/arena at Lansdowne Park. As the community where Lansdowne Park is located, we know the site conditions and usage patterns very well. We also know that the proposed new event centre will have major impacts not only on Lansdowne Park but also on the overall success of Lansdowne as a city-wide destination. After careful consideration, and discussion as a board, we would like to provide the following comments.

To begin with, we reiterate our concern that the location of the event centre in the urban park, will have negative impacts including a significant loss of green space and a reduction of public realm in this important civic space. The urban park has been the most successful aspect of Lansdowne's redevelopment and we encourage reconsideration of the decision to dismantle it.

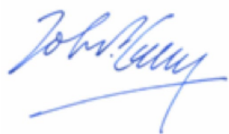
We would also like to underline our concern that the piecemeal approach to site planning for the event centre -- separate from that of the new north side stands, podium and residential units -- is flawed. Planning the event centre in isolation from adjacent facilities creates unnecessary traffic and pedestrian flow problems and eliminates options for improving the overall Lansdowne Park experience for citizens of Ottawa. We urge the City to put the site plan for the event centre on hold and to plan the new sports facilities in a cohesive manner.

Our specific concerns with the event site plan are as follows:

1. The access to the event centre needs to be reconsidered. The mixing of pedestrian access and vehicle access, including by heavy trucks using the loading zone, is dangerous. We strongly urge that the loading bay be relocated closer to the main access on Bank Street. We also call for the separation of vehicle and pedestrian routes, with priority given to pedestrian access and safety.
2. The event centre is too close to the Aberdeen Pavilion. Not only does this negatively affect the heritage values and visitor appreciation of this national historic site, but it also creates pinch-points and crowding issues when there are concurrent events at the event centre and in the Aberdeen Pavilion.
3. Too much parkland has been lost and replaced with hard surfaces. There is a needless loss of trees in this design as well as a significant loss of green space in Lansdowne's urban park. The current treed plaza area south of the Aberdeen pavilion should be retained and a revised design should protect trees and green space.
4. We call for the roof of the event centre to be a true green, growing roof and not a plastic membrane. Given the City's climate emergency, and the threats of climate change, there needs to be a more significant effort to make the design of this event centre environmentally sustainable at the highest level.
5. The landscape design around the event centre echoes the style of the Lansdowne shopping area rather than the award-winning urban park. We call on the City to respect the integrity of the award-winning park design.
6. Generally, the site plan neglects the overall context of the event centre as a pavilion in Lansdowne Park among many other buildings, services and attractions. We would like to see the site plan revised to present the event centre in its bigger context and with design forms that complement the Aberdeen Pavilion and the urban park.

Thank you for your attention to these concerns.

Sincerely yours,



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President, Glebe Community Association

