



MEMO / NOTE DE SERVICE

To / Destinataire Mayor Sutcliffe and Members of Council

**From /
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Subject / Objet City-initiated Official Plan Amendment Date: July 24, 2023
for Lansdowne 2.0 - Update

PURPOSE

This memo is to provide Mayor and Council with an update on the City-initiated Official Plan Amendment (OPA) and Zoning By-law Amendment (ZBLA) application submitted as part of the Lansdowne Park Redevelopment Project (2.0). This update responds to the Direction to Staff from Council on June 28, 2023 ([Item 23.3 Motion – Councillor S. Menard – Update on Lansdowne 2.0](#)).

BACKGROUND

In the [memo to Council dated June 13, 2023](#), City staff advised of the requirement for an Official Plan Amendment to clarify policies within the Official Plan (OP) pertaining to the Lansdowne Special District and ensure OP compatibility and compliance. These policies are intended to support the role of Lansdowne Park as a destination for amateur and professional sports, year-round festivals, residential living, entertainment, commercial activity and provides a mix of greenspaces and heritage that can be enjoyed by residents 365 days a year.

COMMITTEE AND COUNCIL SCHEDULE

City staff circulated [the ZBLA](#) and [OPA application](#) on June 29 for public review and comment. The application was accompanied by a series of studies including a:

- Design Brief
- Heritage Impact Assessment
- Planning Rationale
- Wind Study
- Shadow Study
- Geotechnical / Hydrogeological Assessment
- Site Servicing Brief
- Transportation Impact Assessment & Transportation Demand Management Study
- Conceptual Site Plan

The completion of these studies will be used to outline and refine options that will be brought forward in the report to Committee and Council this fall and understanding that these options could include recommendations to change the initial Lansdowne 2.0 concept plan.

The following tentative schedule for Committee and Council has been updated from previous timelines to allow for additional public engagement and community consideration:

- August 15, 2023 – Accessibility Advisory Committee
- October 18, 2023 – Joint Finance and Corporate Services Committee & Planning and Housing Committee
- October 23, 2023 – Built Heritage Committee (Information Report)
- October 25, 2023 – Council

Reports for the Standing Committee meetings will be released ten business days in advance of the scheduled Committee meeting, in accordance with Council direction.

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

As part of the [2021 Lansdowne Park Partnership](#) report, Council approved a robust, city-wide public engagement strategy. The strategy was the result of the collaborative work between staff and the Ottawa Sports and Entertainment Group (OSEG), with the input of Council Sponsors Groups, the Stakeholder Sounding Board, and the assistance of an external consultant.

Since that time, City of Ottawa staff have launched the project website, hosted three public information sessions on April 27, May 17, and July 13, 2023, have been holding a series of coffee chats, have met with the Ambassadors Working Group, and have released various public surveys. Staff are also currently hosting a series of pop-up events on site to encourage resident participation and engagement, and to gather additional feedback. The Director holds weekly meetings with the Ward Councillor, transportation specific workshops, and engages with key stakeholders on a regular basis. Staff have received thousands of survey responses, with over 13,500 unique Engage Ottawa visits, hundreds of public comments, notes of feedback, and have had several hundred Public Information Session participants.

As part of the upcoming OPA and ZBLA and staff report, the City will be hosting another public information session. This public session has been scheduled for September 6th at the request of the Ward Councillor and to allow for additional time for consideration by the community. The session will be a similar format to the July 13th session.

Residents can register here: September 6 at 6:00 p.m. ([register here](#))

Residents and community leaders will continue to have the opportunity to engage and provide input on the planning application until the OPA and ZBLA have been approved by Council. Residents can connect with the Lansdowne Project Team through the upcoming Public Information Session, the ongoing surveys, in-person engagement activities, weekly coffee chats, subscribing to newsletter updates, visiting the [Engage Ottawa](#) webpage, or sending their feedback to lansdownerenewal@ottawa.ca.

A public Urban Design Review Panel (UDRP) formal review session was held on July 07. The recommendations from the UDRP will be posted on the City's [website](#) and referenced in the subsequent report to Planning and Housing Committee and Council. The Lansdowne 2.0 project will return to second public UDRP session in September.

Staff continue to compile all the feedback and questions received during the public engagement sessions and application circulation process. This information is vital to the process and will help inform the recommendations brought forward to committee and council. To date staff have released As We Heard It (AWHI) reports and will continue to do so leading up to the final AWHI report that will be included in the report to Council. These reports can be found on the project [website](#).

City Staff will continue to provide information on next steps and engagement opportunities to the public through the [project website](#).

Thank you,

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