

Councillor fires back at Lansdowne Live critics

SUN MEDIA — Supporters of the plan to redevelop Lansdowne Park say its opponents are out of line with their criticism.

Orleans Coun. Bob Monette said he is disgusted once again with the behaviour of dozens of residents who showed up at Wednesday night's public consultation on the proposal, which was hosted at City Hall.

Monette was particularly upset with the verbal attacks aimed at City Manager Kent

Kirkpatrick, who opened up the process to include a question-and-answer period after residents criticized the consultation process being nothing more than a sales pitch for the Lansdowne Live proposal.

"During an hour and a half, I listened to attacks on credibility directed to Kent Kirkpatrick, staff, developers, consultant, mayor and council. It was very clear that the only intent tonight was to attack the city at every opportunity," said Monette, who has been

critical of Lansdowne Live opponents all week during the consultations.

He said the meeting further deteriorated when Capital Coun. Clive Doucet spoke out of turn and decided "to rile up the crowd by making allegations and taking personal attacks to the city manager's credibility in public."

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tacking our city manager, but the people in attendance decided that the city manager was fair game," said Monette.

The consultations continue Friday night at the Jim Durrell Recreation Centre from 6 to 9 p.m.; Monday Oct. 5 at the Tom Brown Arena Hall on Bayview Rd. from 6 to 9 p.m.; and Tuesday Oct. 6 at the Shenkman Arts Centre on Centrum Blvd. in Orleans from 6 to 9 p.m.