

Councillor revolted by attacks on managers

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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 with the behaviour of dozens of residents who showed up at Wednesday night's public consultation at City Hall. Monette was particularly



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upset with the verbal attacks aimed at city manager Kent Kirkpatrick, who opened up the process to include a ques-

tion-and-answer period after residents criticized the consultation process being nothing more than a sales pitch for Lansdowne Live.

"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 (Wednesday night) was to attack the city at every opportunity," said Monette.

He said the meeting 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."

Doucet was unrepentant. "What am I supposed to apologize for, having a memory?" said Doucet.

"We lost the international design competition based on

what? No one ever understood what the basis of the suspension was, and we walked into this sole source (proposal) blind. In retrospect, it was really destructive."

The next consultations are Monday at the Tom Brown Arena Hall on Bayview Rd. and Tuesday at the Shenkman Arts Centre on Centrium Blvd. in Orleans.

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