

Info query digs into Lansdowne proposal

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Somebody's digging for information on the proposed redevelopment of Lansdowne Park.

The city received a massive access-to-information request last week under the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, the *Sun* has learned.

The applicant is looking for information about correspondence from city politicians and senior staff regarding the plan, asking for every e-mail regarding the Ottawa Sports and Entertainment Group's unsolicited bid from the mayor's office, city manager Kent Kirkpatrick, all deputy city manager's offices, the city's real estate branch, the supply manager, the treasurer's office and city solicitor Rick O'Connor.

The request also seeks "any and all information regarding Lansdowne for the months of September and October 2009 from the offices of Councillor Clive Doucet" and "any and all e-mails/memos/correspondence between the Mayor's Office and Councillor Bob Monette regarding Lansdowne Park over the past 4 years."

The application also requests "any and all correspondence from/between City Manager and Mayor Larry O'Brien and members of council with respect to the cancellation/termination/suspension of the Lansdowne Park Design Competition."

"This could be anybody," a City Hall source told the *Sun*. "A developer, councillor, anybody."

Also requested is all information pertaining and "including a copy of the mandatory report that outlines the non-competitive procurement of OSEG that cannot be found under the Treasurer's Report — this document is mandatory under section 22(9) of By-law 50."

The information will come at a price, however. Costs for such requests can run into the thousands of dollars.