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A local group wants a permanent home in Ottawa that would pay tribute to the Stanley Cup and its historical link to the city.

Stanley Cup shrine appeals to city

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City council is endorsing a project to commemorate hockey's most sought after trophy — the Stanley Cup.

A group of 10 Ottawans, including Bruce Firestone, who helped bring the Senators to the nation's capital 20 years ago, have formed the Stanley Cup Commemoration Committee to establish an appropriate spot to recognize the historic trophy and its Ottawa roots.

Orleans Coun. Bob Monette said the best spot to honour hockey's greatest trophy is the Aberdeen Pavilion in the heart of Lansdowne Park, where the Ottawa Silver Seven won the Stanley Cup in 1904.

"It might be a natural home," said Monette.

"It shows how sports has been an integral part of Lansdowne Park," he said. "It's not only a cow palace, but was a pro hockey rink."

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Alta Vista Coun. Peter Hume brought the motion to council because he wants a permanent spot in the city dedicated to the trophy and its historic local link.

"It would be appropriate to honour and celebrate Lord Stanley's gift to the game," Hume's motion says.

Cup tales

In March 1892 at Ottawa's Russell Hotel, Lord Stanley announced his donation of a silver bowl he had brought from London.

"I have, for some time, been thinking that it would be a good thing if there were a challenge cup, which should be held from year to year by the champion hockey team in the Dominion (of Canada)," Lord Stanley wrote.

The hotel was located at the southwest corner of Sparks and Elgin streets but was destroyed by fire in 1927.

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