

Lansdowne plan goes public

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The public gets its say on the future of Lansdowne Park starting today.

Public consultations begin this evening at 6 p.m. at Lansdowne Park's Salon A, and will continue with a series of 3-hour sessions at locations across the city, concluding Oct. 6.

Feedback from the forums will then be presented to city council on Nov. 12. Council will then debate the redevelopment proposal.

"It's the future of the City of Ottawa that's at stake here," said Orleans Coun. Bob Monette. "This will be the legacy of this council, one way or another."

Monette has made no secret he's

an "ardent supporter" of Ottawa Sports and Entertainment Group's plans to redevelop the park.

According to Monette, the proposal remains flexible enough to allow for suggestions from the public.

Integral to the design plan, however, is the inclusion of a stadium to accommodate the return of a CFL franchise, and a possible professional soccer team, plus the revitalization of the former Civic Centre, home of the Ottawa 67's.

"They are willing to listen to what the people have to say," said Monette of the proponents of the Lansdowne Live proposal

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