

Lansdowne Committee Report – John Dance

A very brief report: Absolutely no news has come from the City of Ottawa over the last month.

In terms of the proposed improvements to Aberdeen Square, we haven't heard a peep since the Lansdowne Community Consultation Committee met back in November. At that time Councillor Menard requested a number of changes as per the community consultation of October 19, 2020. But the City has not provided any updates. At the Community Consultation meeting OSEG said they want to proceed with their proposed changes (without changes that reflected any community input) in April.

In terms of the City Council approving an initiative that will review Lansdowne's future ("how to increase foot traffic," affordable housing on the site and other matters), there has been no contact with communities despite the fact that there are to be community stakeholder groups involved with the review. Similarly, we've seen no terms of reference for the review even though it is to be completed by June.

What we see here is similar to the pathetic consultation that we saw with the initial planning for Lansdowne.

Given the lack of information from the City, the OOECA Lansdowne Committee did not meet in February.