

# Lansdowne Chair Report - January 9, 2024

## 1. CGA Appeal of Lansdowne Official Plan Amendment and Rezoning By-Laws

- Glebe Community Association filed an appeal of City-initiated official plan amendments and rezoning by-laws on December 14, 2023
  - The proposed amendments/rezoning would rezone public green space to major-leisure to allow for the relocation of the arena/event centre to the public park berm, would raise height limits to allow for 40 storey towers, and would overturn a prior Ontario Municipal Board ruling to raise the limit for new residential units to 1200.
  - City File numbers for the rezoning and amendments are File No: D01-01-23-0009 & D02-02-23-0047
  - The Ontario Lands Tribunal has assigned a case number and officer for the appeal OLT-23-001316, status as of Jan. 5, 2024 is "intake"
- OOECA support: a motion was passed at the December 12, 2023 meeting of the OOECA to support the CGA appeal in the amount of \$500.00 should CGA request support
  - A letter requesting support was received (CGA had already incurred \$1900.00 in filing and legal fees and will incur considerably more as the process continues) and our treasurer issued a cheque to the CGA

## 2. Record breaking crowd for PWHL game would have been too large for new arena

- Following the inaugural game of the Professional Women's Hockey League at TD Place which, at 8,318 attendees, set a new North American attendance record, John Dance noted that the proposed new arena, with its reduced seating capacity of 5,500 would not have had sufficient capacity for the size of the crowd.

John's on-point letter submitted to the Citizen:

*Dear madam / sir:*

*The Professional Women's Hockey League just demonstrated the foolishness of City Council's decision to replace the 9,000 seat Lansdowne arena with one that would have just 5,500 seats. The first game with Ottawa playing Montreal drew more than 8,000 spectators, something that will be impossible in the future if the City goes ahead with its plan to demolish the existing arena. Similarly, holding international hockey and curling events will not work with a smaller arena.*

*John Dance*

Alexandra Gruca-Macaulay  
Lansdowne Chair