

Park idea excites

**Re: No time for big schemes,
Sept. 13.**

Lansdowne Park desperately needs a plan that has strong community support and ensures that any property-tax dollars are invested in the proper place and at the proper time.

Right now Lansdowne Park has no plan and we will soon be asked whether to invest property-tax dollars in repairing the south-side stands. This is not the way to spend millions of property-tax dollars. Our plan will, over the next year, create a strategy for Lansdowne Park that will ensure that property-tax dollars are spent in the most efficient and effective manner.

Our plan is based on Toronto's successful Nathan Phillips Square revitalization competition. That competition, like our competition will be, was grounded by an extensive public consultation process that included stakeholder, communi-

ty and creative workshops, focus groups and town-hall meetings.

We are proposing a strong public consultation process to ground the design competition for the revitalization of Lansdowne Park. This community perspective will provide the foundation upon which the design teams will work and bring to the community bold and creative proposals for the revitalization of Lansdowne Park.

Lansdowne Park is at present designated and taxed as green space. It is mostly grey. We need to put the park back into Lansdowne and create buildings that inspire. The results of our international design competition should accomplish this by fostering a renewed sense of civic pride among the residents of Ottawa for their park and inspire us all to adopt bold and creative changes for the site.

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