

Lansdowne Park:

Where We Go From Here

Lansdowne Park has been neglected to the point that most would agree the area, situated next to a World Heritage site, is an embarrassing eyesore; Dilapidated buildings and structures, acres of asphalt and precious little greenspace speak volumes of the city's neglect of the site.

Small Victories

Jim Watson helped spearhead the battle to save the Aberdeen Pavilion together with heritage activists, community leaders and city councillors during his first term on council. He helped create Sylvia Holden Park and preserve the greenspace/dog run/ball-diamond and wading pool along fifth and Holmwood. Jim also worked with the NCC to add additional greenspace along the Queen Elizabeth Driveway.



The Lansdowne Live Process

The process to get to Lansdowne Live has been flawed from the start. Jim Watson would **not** have cancelled the design competition, nor would he have supported a sole source proposal. The public consultation process was weak and ineffective at best, and was poorly implemented by the city.



Council Has Now Passed The Plan

The current council and mayor have approved the plan, and Jim Watson has

indicated he will not risk another lawsuit and tear up the agreement. (You may recall the current council tore up the light rail agreement at a cost of \$110 million). Jim has indicated that if he is elected mayor it will be his duty to ensure the plan is implemented

sensibly and that all relevant concerns for the surrounding community and taxpayers as a whole are dealt with. Tearing up the agreement and starting the process all over again would cost the taxpayers millions of dollars and delay rejuvenating Lansdowne by another four years. The process was not perfect, but we need to move forward with the plan in a thoughtful fashion. There are some exciting aspects to the redevelopment of Lansdowne that will help revitalize this 40 acre site.



Jim Watson
Candidate for Mayor

“My parents live across the street from Lansdowne Park, my sister and her family live across the canal from Lansdowne, and I lived in the area for twenty years. Of all the candidates running for Mayor, I believe I am the best able to ensure that the legitimate concerns about parking, retail mix, preservation of greenspace, traffic etc. are addressed thoroughly and thoughtfully. If the community has to deal with increased retail, the very least we must do is to ensure a significant new green space is added to the site and not forgotten or pushed to the side.”

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