

City considers purchase of vacant properties at Petrie

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EMC News - Earlier this month, Ottawa city councillors said yes to a committee recommendation regarding the purchase of two pieces of land at Petrie Island.

On June 2, the City of Ottawa's corporate and services and economic development committee approved the possible acquisition of two pieces of vacant land at the east

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end beach, with the motion then going forward to a full council meeting on June 10.

There are currently three properties at Petrie Island that are privately owned, with one of them being a single family residence. The other two, measuring 2,200 square metres are vacant.

Orléans Coun. Bob Monette said that in 2006, the city put forward a motion expressing its interest of purchasing the vacant

parcels of land in an effort to make monitoring the environmental aspects of the east end beach easier with fewer stakeholders involved while also addressing the city's strategy for Petrie in an effort to consolidate ownership of private lands.

"These pockets of land are situated in areas which are not suitable for development," said Monette. "The programming at Petrie will not be affected in any way, but it does create

more land for any future programming. If the city were to acquire the lands, then all Petrie would be under the city's control."

Monette said that the price needs to be reasonable, and said that the lands are reported to be very minimal costs.

"It's a minor acquisition, but a major move," said the east end councillor. "We still have to negotiate. We just don't want to pay more than market value."