

Doucet dismissed as 'obsessed'

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Capital Coun. Clive Doucet says it was Mayor Larry O'Brien who first approached the Ottawa Sports and Entertainment Group in search of a plan to revitalize Lansdowne Park.

Doucet said he has an e-mail from Orleans Coun. Bob Monette that says: "From my understanding the mayor originally asked the group what they thought could be done with Lansdowne."

Doucet called a news conference yesterday to make the claim that the development proposal was sole-sourced from the very beginning.

Doucet also claims private conversations took place between O'Brien, city manager Kent Kirk-

patrick, OSEG and some city councillors.

But everyone Doucet singled out denied the accusations.

'They came to us'

"That's false," said O'Brien. "They (OSEG) have a project going on and they came to us with some idea."

Monette said Doucet misconstrued the meaning of his e-mail

"The mayor was asking anybody to come forward. That's what I meant by that," said Monette about his e-mail sent last month.

"This guy is obsessed that there is a conspiracy and obsessed that the city is trying to be underhanded."

- Derek Puddicombe