

Developer To Protect Historic Sites

Carleton Isle Land Trust in Works

CAPE VINCENT — It is expected that the developers of Carleton Island will announce Monday that they have reached an agreement on placing certain portions of the island property they own in a land trust.

The developers, Patten Corp. Northeast of North Adams, Mass., have called a press conference for an announcement Monday afternoon.

Daniel J. Palm, executive director of the St. Lawrence Eastern Ontario Commission (SLEOC), said his organization, the Thousand Islands Land Trust (TILT) and the developer have been negotiating for two months to have certain lands put into a trust to protect them from undesirable development. That agreement, he said, should be finalized Monday.

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The developer has subdivided the island into 20 lots, ranging from 33- to 104-acre parcels that start at \$149,900 and are for sale now. The development plans were approved by SLEOC earlier in the month, after Patten agreed the land trust set up by their firm, Patten Environmental Trust, would eventually be co-managed by another non-profit trust, such as TILT.

"Certain things were negotiated in terms of use of the island to protect its scenic quality and make it a reasonable development," Mr. Palm said.

Of particular concern were the

ruins of Fort Haldimand, located on a portion of the island the developers bought. It is expected that this will be included in the land put in a trust.

Originally slated for inclusion in the Patten Environmental Trust for protection or management were eight acres of Fort Haldimand, 10 "archaeologically sensitive" adjacent acres, five acres around an Indian burial ground and 300 acres of the Carleton Forest Preserve.

Lands included in the trust areas would limit the destruction of vegetation in the area or destruction of historic sites.