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Canada Lands Company has purchased the former Canadian Forces Base Rockcliffe, as seen from the Montreal Road access.

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# Crown agency buys former base

CFB Rockcliffe  
to become mixed-use  
neighbourhood

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"This transaction has its complexities requiring much work and partnerships between many parties in order to arrive at where we are today. CLC is very pleased with the outcome and the opportunity to work with the City of Ottawa and its citizens, the development industry and the (Algonquins of Ontario) to realize a signature redevelopment project in the National Capital Region," company chief executive Mark Laroche said in a statement.

The reported \$27.2-million pur-

chase from the Department of National Defence was made possible with the settlement earlier this year between the Algonquins of Ontario and the federal government, which paid the band \$10 million.

The Algonquins are also to have a say in the development of the 126-hectare property by Canada Lands Company, the Crown corporation that disposes of surplus federal property.

The property has deep roots as a former military site.

In 1899, DND established the Rockcliffe Rifle Range. Many Canadian soldiers received their training at Rockcliffe.

From the 1920s onward, the base's main vocation was military aviation. All DND activities on the site ended in 2009.

The company says it is planning to build "a vibrant mixed-used sustainable neighbourhood." No other details were offered.