

# Corporate Report

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COUNCIL DATE: March 22, 2004

## **REGULAR COUNCIL**

TO: Mayor & Council DATE: March 1, 2004

FROM: General Manager, Engineering FILE: 7803-0474

SUBJECT: City-Initiated Road and Lane Closures at 56 Avenue and 176A Street

(Surrey Learning and Discovery Centre)

#### RECOMMENDATION

That Council authorize the City Clerk to bring forward a By-law for consideration by Council to close and remove the dedication as highway of a  $\pm 2,191$  ft.<sup>2</sup> ( $\pm 204$  m<sup>2</sup>) opened portion road and a  $\pm 6,975$  ft.<sup>2</sup> ( $\pm 648$  m<sup>2</sup>) portion of lane between 56 Avenue and 56A Avenue & 176A Street and 177B Street.

## **BACKGROUND**

# A. Property Location

The road and lane allowances proposed for closure are located in the Cloverdale area between 56 Avenue and 56A Avenue & 176A Street and 177B Street. The immediate area is primarily commercial with some residential and industrial nodes.

### B. Plan Designations, Zoning and Land Uses

The three City-owned properties comprising the proposed consolidation are located in the Cloverdale area. They are all currently zoned C-15 (Town Centre Commercial) and are vacant properties. The three properties are not subject to a Neighbourhood Concept Plan.

# C. Purpose of Road and Lane Closure

The City is proposing to develop the Surrey Learning and Discovery Centre at 17683 and 17705 - 56 Avenue & 17704 - 56A Avenue, adjacent to the Cloverdale Library and Seniors' Centre. To facilitate the proposed project, the Facilities Division of the Parks, Recreation and Culture Department has requested the closure and consolidation of a ±2,191 ft.² opened portion of road and a ±6,975 ft.² portion of lane adjacent to these properties.

#### D. Process

Prior to final approval of Council, a reference plan will be submitted to the Legislative Services Department requesting Introduction and Adoption of a By-law to close and remove the dedication as highway. Prior to Final Adoption of the By-law, in conformance with Sections 40 (3) and 94 of the Community Charter, notice of the closures will be advertised for two consecutive weeks in a local newspaper, and a notice will be posted at City Hall. The advertisement provides information to the public at large on the details of the closure and indicates that all pertinent data can be obtained from the Realty Services Division. All concerns from the public will be addressed prior to completion of the closure. In addition, as required under Section 40 (4) of the

Charter, notice of the City's intention to close the portion of road and lane will be directed to all utility companies considered to be affected by the proposed closure. Legislative Services will then request Council to provide Final Adoption of the By-law. Upon completion of these requirements, the By-law will then be registered at the Land Title Office. The Realty Services Division will then advertise the disposition of the portion of road and lane in a local newspaper and will post a notice at City Hall as prescribed under Sections 26 and 94 of the Charter. The advertisement and notice will contain a description of the land. Upon completion of these items, a final report will be submitted to Council to approve the sale. Registration will then take place at the Land Title Office.

#### E. Conclusion

The portions of road and lane to be consolidated with the City lands will facilitate the construction of the new Surrey Learning and Discovery Centre in downtown Cloverdale.

The portion of road and lane are not required for road purposes and the proposed closing and consolidation of them does not affect the surrounding area. All utility companies have been contacted and the portions of road and lane do not contain any services.

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# **Appendices**

- I Site Map
- II Aerial Photograph of Site