



To facilitate the upgrading of Highway 15 (176 Street), the Province has approached the City to acquire partial takings along the City-owned lands at the Cloverdale Fairgrounds for the Border Infrastructure Program ("BIP"). The City owns all of the lands on the east side of Highway 15 between 60 Avenue and 64 Avenue ("Cloverdale Fairgrounds").

The BIP is a jointly funded federal-provincial initiative to improve the movement of goods to and from the Lower Mainland's four border crossings. The five-year, \$210-million program will improve key sections of the region's road network resulting in better links between border crossings, ports, container facilities, industrial parks, airports and railways. The Highway 15 part of this program entails the following works:

- widening of Highway 15 to four lanes from 96 Avenue in the north to 32 Avenue in the south;
- construction of a twin, two lane overpass parallel to the existing railway overpass south of Highway No. 10 to provide for a continuous, four lane railway overpass on Highway 15; and
- widening of the intersection at Highway 15 and Highway No. 10 to four lanes.

## **DISCUSSION**

City staff have negotiated the sale of the subject lands based on an appraisal by an independent accredited appraiser. The values provided in the appraisal have been reviewed by City appraisal staff and have been found to be indicative of current market values.

No buildings within the Fairgrounds will be physically affected by the taking; however, an independent firm will monitor the Cloverdale Curling Rink and the Ice Arena for vibrations before, during, and after the construction of the roadwork. This portion of the Highway 15 upgrade is scheduled to commence in August of this year. The cenotaph located adjacent to the Surrey Museum and Archives building has been moved to temporary storage pending completion of the new Museum on No. 10 Highway, where it will be permanently located. All costs associated with the seismic monitoring and cenotaph relocation will be paid for by the Province.

## **CONCLUSION**

The Province has approached the City with an offer to purchase partial takings of City lands along the east side of Highway 15 between 60 Avenue and 64 Avenue for the Border Infrastructure Program. The lands are required for the first phase of the program, which is scheduled to commence in August of this year. The values offered by the Province are representative of market value, and as such, it is recommended that Council approve the sale of the portions of City lands described in this report.

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Appendices

- I. Site Map
- II. Aerial Photograph of Site