



Corporate Report

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2004

REGULAR COUNCIL

TO: Mayor & Council DATE: August 19,
2004

FROM: General Manager,
Engineering FILE: 7803-0320

SUBJECT: Road Closure at 113B Avenue and 131 Street

RECOMMENDATION

That Council approve the previously approved sale of a $\pm 5,608$ ft.² (± 521 m²) unopened portion of road at 113B Avenue and 131 Street as outlined in the attached Corporate Report R156.

BACKGROUND

On July 5, 2004, Council authorized the Engineering Department to proceed with the sale and closure of a $\pm 5,608$ ft.² portion of road at 113B Avenue and 131 Street. Council's approval of the sale of this portion of road is now required to complete the final step in the road closure process prescribed by the new Community Charter.

DISCUSSION

As a result of the recent introduction of the new Community Charter, the process involving the closure or exchange of redundant roads has been changed. While there are some procedural differences between the Local Government Act and the Community Charter, the intent, rights, and obligations of the new legislation upon the City and road closure applicants remain relatively the same.

The Community Charter requires that Council's approval to close and sell roads must be obtained on two separate occasions. The first time is at the beginning of the closure process when Council is requested to authorize the "cancellation of highway" for the portion of road to be closed and consolidated. The second time is at the end of the process when Council's authority is required to formally dispose of the road after all the statutory requirements have been met. In accordance with Section 40 of the Community Charter, the Realty Services Division has met all the necessary requirements to dispose of the redundant portion of road, and it is now in order for Council to authorize this last step in the road closure and sale process.

CONCLUSION

It is recommended that Council approve the road disposal as outlined in the attached report.

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Appendices

I. Corporate Report R156