



Corporate Report

NO: R188

COUNCIL DATE: July 25, 2005

REGULAR COUNCIL

TO: Mayor & Council DATE: July 19, 2005
FROM: General Manager,
Engineering FILE: 0910-40/96
SUBJECT: Sale of City-owned Parkland at 14159 - 56 Avenue
(Highway No. 10 Widening - Border Infrastructure
Program)

RECOMMENDATION

That Council approve the disposition to the Province of the following parcel of City owned parkland located at 14159 - 56 Avenue legally described as Lot 85, Section 9, Township 2, NWD, Plan 61491, PID No. 002-809-672.

BACKGROUND

To facilitate the upgrading of Highway No. 10 between Scott Road and Highway 15 (176 Street), the Province has approached the City to acquire a single parcel of land located immediately adjacent to the BC Hydro substation at the City Hall precinct area. The Border Infrastructure Program is a jointly funded federal/provincial initiative to improve the movement of goods to and from the Lower Mainland border crossings. The 5 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 No. 10 portion of this program entails widening of Highway No. 10 to four lanes between Scott Road (120 Street) east to 176 Street (Highway 15).

The subject property is required for the westbound travel lanes as the highway is intended to be divided at this point, travelling north beyond the BC Hydro substation (Appendix III).

DISCUSSION

City staff have negotiated the sale of the subject lands based upon an appraisal of the property by an independent, accredited appraiser. The land is vacant and no improvements are affected by this acquisition. Since the land was dedicated as park in 1981 as part of a development application, if this sale is approved, the proceeds will be directed to the Parkland Acquisition Fund.

CONCLUSION

The Province has approached the City with an offer to purchase Lot 85, Plan 61491 located at 14159 - 56 Avenue (Highway No. 10) for the Border Infrastructure Program. The offer, as presented by the Province, is indicative of market value and as such, it is recommended that Council approve the sale of this parcel of City-owned parkland as described within this report.

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cc: - General Manager, Finance, Technology & HR Department

Appendices

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