

Corporate Report

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REGULAR COUNCIL

TO: Mayor & Council DATE: February 2, 2006

FROM: General Manager, Engineering FILE: 7804-0110

SUBJECT: Road Closures at 133 Street between 62 Avenue and 64 Avenue

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 two portions of 133 Street between 62 Avenue and 64 Avenue containing $\pm 11,624$ ft.² ($\pm 1,080$ m²).

DISCUSSION

A. Property Location

The road allowances proposed for road closure are located in the West Newton area at 133 Street between 62 Avenue and 64 Avenue. The immediate area is primarily residential.

B. Plan Designations, Zoning, and Land Uses

The property that comprises the new Panorama Ridge Secondary School is zoned Single Family Residential (RF). Two recent additions to the school site located at 6282/6293 - 133 Street are zoned One Acre Residential (RA). The area is not subject to a Neighbourhood Concept Plan.

C. Purpose of Road Closures

The Surrey School Board has made application to the Planning & Development Department to construct the Panorama Ridge Secondary School on the site of the former Newton Junior High School located at 64 Avenue and 132 Street. The School Board will close and consolidate these two portions of road as part of the development.

D. Land Value

The School Board has agreed to provide compensation to the City equivalent to the market value as determined by a qualified professional appraiser.

E. Process

Prior to final approval of Council, a reference plan prepared at the applicant's expense 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 closures 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 closures. In addition, as required under Section 40 (4) of the Charter, notice of the City's intention to close the portions of road will be directed to all utility companies considered to be affected by the proposed closures. 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 portions of road 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 contain a description of the land. Upon completion of these items, a final report will be submitted to Council to approve the sale. The City will then prepare transfer documents to transfer the portions of road to the applicant, and registration will take place at the Land Title Office.

F. Conclusion

The road closures allow the Surrey School Board to proceed with the proposed development of the Panorama Ridge Secondary School. The portions of road to be closed and consolidated are not needed for road purposes and do not affect the surrounding area.

As required under Section 40 (4) of the Community Charter, all utility companies potentially affected by the lane closure have been consulted. With the exception of BC Hydro, all have advised that the closing of these portions of road does not affect their services. The School Board will provide a right-of-way to protect the affected BC Hydro Service. In addition, the driveway for 13314 - 64 Avenue is currently located in the northern portion of 133 Street to be closed and consolidated. The School Board will either relocate the existing driveway or provide a reciprocal access agreement.

The terms of the proposed closure are considered reasonable and the Planning and Parks Departments support these road closures.

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Appendices

I. Aerial Photograph of Site