



Corporate Report

NO: R182

COUNCIL DATE: September 11, 2006

REGULAR COUNCIL

TO: Mayor & Council DATE: August 17, 2006
FROM: General Manager, Engineering FILE: 0910-40/110
SUBJECT: Sale of City Land Located at 18335 - 96 Avenue
(Golden Ears Bridge Project)

RECOMMENDATION

The Engineering Department recommends that Council approve the disposition to the Greater Vancouver Transportation Authority (GVTA) of a 15.245 acre parcel of land located at 18335 - 96 Avenue, legally described as Lot 11, Except Firstly, Part included in Plan 19756, Secondly, Part on SRW Plan 28296, District Lot 99, Group 2, New Westminster District, Plan 15996 (PID No. 010-177-710).

BACKGROUND

The GVTA and its operating agent, TransLink, are project managing the Golden Ears Bridge project. The subject property is one of four City-owned properties required (either in part or in whole) for the east/west connector that will travel from Highway 15 east, with a connection to the proposed South Fraser Perimeter Road at the subject location and then onto 200 Street in Langley, ultimately connecting to the proposed new Fraser Crossing Bridge. Council Report R115 dated June 20, 2006 authorized the sale of a portion of a property located at 9810 - 196 Street and all of a second parcel located at 9711 - 186 Street for this road project. A portion of a fourth City-owned parcel located at 17768 - 96 Avenue, west of the subject property, is the last of the four City-owned properties required for the project and will be the subject of a Council report to be prepared at a later date.

The proposed new bridge and road network leading to the bridge will be constructed by a consortium that will contract to design, build, finance, operate, and maintain the Golden Ears Bridge and related infrastructure. Acquisition of land, however, is being co-ordinated by the GVTA and not the consortium.

DISCUSSION

City staff have negotiated a sale price for the sale of the subject property located at 18335 - 96 Avenue based on appraisal reports of the property as provided by independent, accredited appraisers. The parcel of land is vacant, has no improvements, and is surplus to the City's needs.

The City has also received confirmation that should any portions of the subject parcel not be required by the GVTA for its project, the City will have the option to acquire the remainder at the original purchase price. At this time, however, the GVTA is of the opinion that the entire parcel will be required either for road or related mitigation works associated with the road construction project. Should Council approve of the recommendation, then pursuant to the Community Charter, a notice of the proposed disposition will be published in the local paper.

CONCLUSION

The GVTA has provided the City with an offer to purchase City-owned property located at 18335 - 96 Avenue for the Golden Ears Bridge east/west connector road from Highway 15 through to 200 Street. The offer is indicative of market value and, as such, it is recommended that City Council approve the sale of the City-owned property located at 18335 - 96 Avenue.

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Appendices

I. Aerial Photo showing 18335 - 96 Avenue