



Corporate Report

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TO: Mayor & Council DATE: October 26, 2006
FROM: General Manager, Engineering FILE: 0870-20
SUBJECT: 152A Street Connector Acquisition

RECOMMENDATION

The Engineering Department recommends that Council authorize the acquisition of PID No. 009-817-832 (15251 - 17A Avenue) for the future extension of 152A Street, between 16 Avenue and 18 Avenue.

BACKGROUND

This report is further to the July 10, 2006 Council meeting. At that meeting Council directed staff to proceed with the acquisition of four key properties for the 152A Street Connector between 16 Avenue and 18 Avenue.

DISCUSSION

A. 152A Street Connector, 17 Avenue to 18 Avenue

The draft Semiahmoo Town Centre Plan currently identifies 152A Street between 16 Avenue and 18 Avenue as a local road connection. The proposed 152A Street, while only a local road, will provide very useful connectivity for the area east of 152 Street, giving local traffic an alternative to using 152 Street and thereby easing the demand on the busy arterial. To date, the City's strategy for achieving the 152A Street road alignment has been to work with adjacent developers as applications arise. At the July 10, 2006 Closed Council meeting, Council endorsed the Engineering Department's recommendation to negotiate the acquisition of four key properties required for the alignment as they become available for sale. As a result, the Realty Services Division has now entered into an agreement with the owner of the property located at 15251 - 17A Avenue to purchase this improved property at the appraised market value. Negotiations are continuing with the owners of the other three properties.

CONCLUSION

The recommendations in this report address Council's direction to acquire strategic lands for the 152A Street Connector between 17 Avenue and 18 Avenue. The purchase of the property at 15251 - 17A Avenue achieves one of the four acquisitions identified by Council.

The Finance Department has confirmed that the funds for the proposed acquisition are available in the Municipal Land Reserve Fund.

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Appendices

- I. Future Alignment of 152A Street (Aerial Photo of Site)
- II. New Policy P-16