



Corporate Report

NO: R247

COUNCIL DATE: December 4, 2006

REGULAR COUNCIL

TO: Mayor & Council DATE: November 22, 2006
FROM: General Manager, Engineering FILE: 0910-40/119
SUBJECT: Sale of a Portion of City-Owned Land Located at 17768 - 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 1.112 acre portion of City-owned property located at 17768 - 96 Avenue and legally described as Lot 12, Section 32, Township 8, New Westminster District Plan 33921 (PID No. 002-283-654).

BACKGROUND

The GVTA is project managing the Golden Ears Bridge project, which includes a number of approach roads, the largest of which is the east-west connector. The subject property is the last of four City-owned properties to be acquired, in part or in whole, for the east/west connector that will travel from Highway 15 (176 Street) east to 200 Street in Langley and connect to the proposed Golden Ears Bridge. In June and July 2006, Council approved the sale to the GVTA of all or portions of the City properties located at 9810 - 192 Street, 9711 - 186 Street, and 18349 - 96 Avenue.

The proposed new bridge and associated road network 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 back 1.112 acre portion of 17768 - 96 Avenue based on an appraisal of the property as provided by an independent, accredited appraiser. Approximately 60% of the subject taking is encumbered by a BC Hydro overhead electric transmission right-of-way. The front 1 acre portion of the subject property, which includes a house, is subject to a Life Estate that was granted by

the City in 1988. The house and the Life Estate will not be affected by the proposed sale of the back portion of the site to the GVTA.

CONCLUSION

The Greater Vancouver Transportation Authority has approached the City with an offer to purchase a 1.112 acre portion of 17768 - 96 Avenue for the Golden Ears Bridge east/west connector road from Highway 15 through to 200 Street. As the offer is at appraised market value, it is recommended that Council approve the sale of a portion of City-owned land at 17768 - 96 Avenue to the GVTA.

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Appendices

I. Aerial Photo showing partial taking of 17768 - 96 Avenue