

Corporate Report

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REGULAR COUNCIL

TO: Mayor & Council DATE: April 26, 2007

FROM: General Manager, Engineering FILE: 0910-30/36N

7906-0360-00

SUBJECT: Road Closure at 2958 & 2976 King George Highway

RECOMMENDATION

The Engineering Department recommends that Council authorize the City Clerk to bring forward a by-law for First, Second, and Third Readings to close and remove the dedication as highway of a $\pm 5,023$ ft.² (± 466.7 m²) opened portion of road fronting 2958 & 2976 King George Highway.

BACKGROUND

1. Property Location

The road allowance proposed for closure is a ± 7.8 metre wide portion of the boulevard area fronting the properties located at 2958 & 2976 King George Highway (KGH) in South Surrey.

2. Plan Designations, Zoning, and Land Uses

The properties located at 2958 & 2976 KGH are zoned Single Family Residential Zone ((RF) and designated Multiple Residential (RM) in the Official Community Plan. The road closure area will be amalgamated with these two vacant, fronting properties and developed into a four storey, mixed used, residential and commercial complex.

DISCUSSION

1. Purpose of Road Closure

The owners of the properties located at 2958 & 2976 KGH have applied to purchase the ± 7.8 metre wide strip of surplus boulevard fronting these properties in conjunction with an OCP amendment, rezoning and subdivision application (Project No. 7906-0360-00). The application is to allow the development of 87 residential units with ground floor commercial space. The development application received Third Reading (Public Hearing) on February 12, 2007. The Engineering Department supports the sale of the surplus $\pm 5,023$ ft.² portion of KGH for consolidation into the proposed development project.

The road to be closed is encumbered by public utilities, including utilities owned by Terasen and BC Hydro. Prior to the disposition, a blanket right-of-way over the closed road will be registered on title to protect these services. A heritage tree is located within surplus road allowance. In accordance with the Council-approved guidelines for Heritage Tree Protection, a protection area for the heritage tree will be notched from the surplus road and be retained by the City as dedicated road.

2. Road Closure Process

Prior to final approval of Council, a reference plan 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 closure 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 closure 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 closure. In addition, as required under Section 40 (4) of the Charter, notice of the City's intention to close the road will be directed to all utility companies considered to be affected by the proposed closure. 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 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 road to the applicant, and registration will take place at the Land Title Office.

CONCLUSION

The portion of road to be closed and consolidated is not needed for road purposes. The terms of agreement covering the disposition of the surplus road for consolidation with the adjacent lands located at 2958 & 2976 KGH are considered reasonable.

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Appendices

I. Aerial Photograph of Site