



Corporate Report

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REGULAR COUNCIL

TO: Mayor & Council DATE: June 19, 2007

FROM: General Manager, Engineering FILE: 0930-70/009
General Manager, Parks, Recreation and Culture 7904-0262-00

SUBJECT: Licence of Occupation for Environmental Habitat Works
at 5174 - 192 Street and 19519 Colebrook Road (Hi Knoll Park)

RECOMMENDATION

The Engineering and Parks, Recreation & Culture Departments recommend that Council approve the granting of a Licence of Occupation over a portion of City-owned parklands at 5174 - 192 Street and 19519 Colebrook Road (PID Nos. 012-103-489 and 006-050-760) (Hi Knoll Park) for Environmental Habitat Compensation work.

INTENT

The purpose of this report is to obtain Council's authorization to enter into a Licence Agreement and charge the developer of property located at 6783 - 196 Street (Project 7904-0262) both a licence fee and a monitoring & maintenance fee for the use of the City parkland for a five year term as an alternate location for habitat loss at the development site.

BACKGROUND

On September 11, 2006 (Corporate Report R195) Council approved the City's "Habitat Replacement on City Land Policy" known as Policy P-15. The intent of this policy was to establish guidelines for the use of City land for habitat replacement triggered by development on other privately-owned lands.

DISCUSSION

A ±6,390 m² portion of the City's Hi Knoll Park lands is proposed to be utilized by a developer for habitat works to compensate for the loss of a portion of a groundwater-fed channel on the developer's property. The compensation works will consist of a new stream channel that will convey a portion of flow from McLellan Creek, and will include intermittent pools, separate sections of stream channel, and a culvert. The works are to be co-coordinated by the City's Drainage, Environment & Parks staff to comply with the requirements as specified by Federal Fisheries staff. The compensation for use of the land and the ongoing monitoring and maintenance costs have been determined by qualified, professional City staff and accepted by the developer.

CONCLUSION

The developer of the property at 6783 - 196 Street has applied to undertake habitat enhancement works on a portion of City lands at Hi Knoll Park. If the recommendation is approved, then the authority to construct these works on City land would be granted through a Licence of Occupation pursuant to City Policy P-15.

The proposed licence has the support of staff from all of the concerned City departments.

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Appendix I. - Aerial Photo of Site