

Corporate Report

NO: R261

COUNCIL DATE: December 17, 2007

REGULAR COUNCIL

TO: Mayor & Council DATE: December 7, 2007

FROM: General Manager, Engineering FILE: 8380-182/A

SUBJECT: Land Acquisition for Park

15473 - 34 Avenue

RECOMMENDATION

The Engineering Department recommends that Council authorize the acquisition of PID No. 012-060-178 (15473 - 34 Avenue) to provide additional park/open space for playing fields adjacent to the new school in Rosemary Heights.

DISCUSSION

1. Property Location: 15473 - 34 Avenue

This property is located in South Surrey and has an area of 201,740 ft ² (4.631 acres). The purpose of the acquisition is to provide parkland as envisioned under the Rosemary Heights Central Land Use Plan.

2. Zoning, Plan Designations and Land Uses

The subject property is zoned A1 (General Agriculture). The Highest and Best Use is as a short-term holding site for future development.

3. Purpose of the Acquisition

The Parks, Recreation and Culture Department has determined that the acquisition of this property will complete the proposed park/open space requirements in this section of the Rosemary Heights Central land use plan.

4. Contract of Purchase and Sale

Staff have negotiated a Contract of Purchase and Sale Agreement with the owner, based on an independent appraisal, subject to Council approval by December 18, 2007. Completion is to take place upon registration in the Land Title Office.

CONCLUSION

The terms of this agreement are considered reasonable. Approval of this acquisition will provide park/open space in accordance with the Rosemary Heights Central land use plan.

The Finance Department has confirmed that funds for this acquisition have been identified in the Parks Acquisition DCC Reserve.

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Appendices

I. Aerial Photograph of Site