



Corporate Report

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REGULAR COUNCIL

TO: Mayor & Council DATE: February 22, 2008
FROM: General Manager, Engineering FILE: 5400-80 (02925)
SUBJECT: Paved Boulevard at 16704 Northview Crescent

RECOMMENDATION

The Engineering Department recommends that Council receive this report as information and that a copy of this report be forwarded to the delegation along with the related Council resolution.

INTENT

The purpose of this report is to respond to the delegation before Council of December 3, 2007 from Mr. Ajaib Gill regarding the installation of pavement in the public boulevard along the frontage of the property at 16704 Northview Crescent. The pavement is in essence a widening to the street pavement along Northview Crescent. A copy of the minutes taken at the delegation to Council are attached, together with photographs showing the pavement in relation to the street and boulevard.

BACKGROUND

A section of the boulevard along the frontage of the property known as 16704 Northview Crescent has been paved with a 3.0m width of pavement (i.e., a 3.0m widening to the 6.0m wide street pavement). The City of Surrey was not aware that such paving was taking place and did not issue any permits or approvals in relation to such pavement installation. Northview Crescent has a rural cross-section with a relatively narrow 6-metre pavement and wide grassed boulevards on each side except where driveways cross the boulevards to provide access to adjacent large suburban lots. There are no curbs or sidewalks on this section of Northview Crescent. No other such pavement widenings have been installed in the boulevards along Northview Crescent.

The City has received complaints from an area resident regarding the area of the boulevard that has been paved. In view of the fact that no permits were issued to allow such paving in the public boulevard, City staff requested that the owner of 16704

Northview Crescent, Mr. Ajaib Gill, remove the pavement from the boulevard. As a result of this request, Mr. Gill made application to appear before Council to request that he be allowed to retain the pavement in the boulevard.

During his dialogue with Council, Mr. Gill indicated that the pavement on the boulevard was intended to keep the boulevard area in a tidy condition and that it was not necessary for parking since he had ample parking on his own property.

City by-laws require that a permit be issued by the City prior to any work being undertaken on City roadways. City policies do not permit the installation of pavement by property owners in public boulevards and By-law Enforcement staff take action to remove unauthorized boulevard pavement when neighbourhood complaints are received.

Based on the information received to date from Mr. Gill, there does not appear to be any extenuating circumstance that would indicate that the pavement installed by Mr. Gill is necessary. The pavement cross-section in front of Mr. Gill's property does not match the remainder of Northview Crescent.

Staff Action

In the absence of other direction from Council, given the lack of justification for the pavement widening, the concerns that have been raised by another resident in the neighbourhood and the precedent that allowing such pavement to remain would invariably set, staff intend to take appropriate action to have the unauthorized asphalt pavement removed from the boulevard area in front of 16704 Northview Crescent. There may be alternatives that the property owner could explore with staff in relation to protecting the boulevard area in front of his property while retaining the rural ambience and road standard. If the applicant were interested in exploring such alternatives, staff would be available to meet with him.

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Attachment: Minutes taken at Delegation to Council & Photographs