



# Corporate Report

NO: R181

COUNCIL DATE: September 29, 2008

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## REGULAR COUNCIL

TO: Mayor & Council DATE: September 25, 2008

FROM: General Manager, Engineering FILE: 0870-20/343/K  
General Manager, Parks, Recreation and Culture

SUBJECT: Land Acquisition for Park  
17188 - 26 Avenue

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## RECOMMENDATION

The Engineering Department and the Parks, Recreation and Culture Department recommend that Council approve the acquisition of the property at 17188 – 26 Avenue (PID 025-787-241) for parkland.

## DISCUSSION

### 1. Property Location: 17188 - 26 Avenue

The subject property has an area of 86,868 ft.<sup>2</sup> (2.0 acres). The purpose of the acquisition is to provide parkland as shown in the Grandview Heights General Land Use Plan.

### 2. Zoning, Plan Designations, and Land Uses

The subject property is zoned RA (One Acre Residential) and is an area of Grandview Heights that is designated Suburban in the Official Community Plan and Suburban Residential in the Grandview Heights General Land Use Plan.

### 3. Purpose of the Acquisition

The Parks, Recreation and Culture Department has determined that the acquisition of this property is strategic and will assist in ensuring that the City is in a position to provide park/open space in the Grandview Heights area as this area redevelops in accordance with the Grandview Heights General Land Use Plan.

Community-scale athletic parks, playing fields, and other amenities, such as community centres, are to be located within Grandview Heights at a location or locations to be determined through future NCP planning processes. This acquisition is in keeping with similar acquisitions in the Grandview Heights General Land Use Plan area, which have been acquired on a "willing seller" basis to establish parks in this area.

#### **4. Contract of Purchase and Sale**

Staff have negotiated a Contract of Purchase and Sale Agreement with the owner subject to Council approval by September 30, 2008. The purchase price was determined by an independent, accredited appraiser and 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 parkland to contribute to the park/open space requirements in accordance with the Grandview Heights General land use plan.

The Finance Department has confirmed that funds for this acquisition are available in the Parks Acquisition DCC Reserve.

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### Appendices

#### I. Aerial Photograph of Site