

Corporate Report

NO: 201

COUNCIL DATE: October 20, 2008

REGULAR COUNCIL

TO: Mayor & Council DATE: October 16, 2008

FROM: General Manager, Engineering FILE: 0870-20/037/A

General Manager, Parks, Recreation and Culture

SUBJECT: Land Acquisition for Park

12915 - 60 Avenue

RECOMMENDATION

The Engineering Department and the Parks, Recreation and Culture Department recommend that Council approve the acquisition of PID No. 002-690-535 (12915 - 60 Avenue) for parkland in accordance with the West Newton Highway #10 Neighbourhood Concept Plan.

DISCUSSION

1. Property Location: 12915 - 60 Avenue

This property is located in West Newton, has an area of 68,407 ft.² (1.57 acres), and is improved with a small 2 bedroom bungalow. The purpose of the acquisition is for parkland as envisioned under the West Newton Highway #10 NCP.

2. Zoning, Plan Designations, and Land Uses

The subject property is zoned RA (One Acre Residential). The Highest and Best Use would be redevelopment as a single family residential development.

3. Purpose of the Acquisition

The Parks, Recreation and Culture Department has determined that the acquisition of this property as park/open space is necessary in support of the build-out of the West Newton Highway #10 NCP. This property will complete the parkland requirements at this location.

4. Contract of Purchase and Sale

Staff have negotiated a Contract of Purchase and Sale Agreement with the owner subject to Council approval by October 21, 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

Staff is satisfied that the terms of the purchase agreement are reasonable. This acquisition will complete the parkland requirements for this location in accordance with the West Newton Highway #10 NCP.

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

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Appendix I. Aerial Photograph of Site