

Corporate Report

NO: R064

COUNCIL DATE: May 4, 2009

REGULAR COUNCIL

TO: Mayor & Council DATE: April 29, 2009

FROM: General Manager, Engineering FILE: 0910-20/296

7908-0065-00

SUBJECT: City-initiated Road Closure adjacent to 14547 - 72 Avenue

RECOMMENDATION

The Engineering Department recommends that Council authorize the City Clerk to bring forward a by-law to close and remove the dedication as highway of a 2,098 ft.² (194.9 m²) portion of 145A Street adjacent to 14547 - 72 Avenue.

BACKGROUND

The road allowance closure, which is the subject of this report, is a City initiative. The proposal is to close and consolidate a portion of 145A Street with the City lot at 14567 – 72 Avenue to create a residential building lot.

1. Property Location

The property is located in the East Newton North NCP Area. It is surrounded primarily by residential properties except for Valley View Cemetery on the south side of 72 Avenue, and a legal, non-conforming flower and gift shop business located to the east.

2. Plan Designations, Zoning, and Land Uses

The road closure area and the adjacent vacant City land at 14547 - 72 Avenue are zoned One Acre Residential Zone (RA), and are designated as "Urban" in the Official Community Plan and as "Urban Residential" in the East Newton North Land Use Plan. An application to rezone the road closure area and 14547 - 72 Avenue from RA to Single Family Residential (RF) Zone is in-stream under Application No. 7908-0065-00.

DISCUSSION

1. Purpose of Road Closure

The City proposes to close the west half (5 metres in width) of the 145A Street allowance and consolidate the road closure area with the existing lot at 14547 - 72 Avenue to create a residential building lot and to rezone the consolidated lot from RA to RF in accordance with the East Newton North Land Use Plan. The east half of the 145A Street allowance will be retained as dedicated road for a planned pedestrian walkway.

The subject property was acquired by the City for road purposes in 1975. In 1989, the City dedicated the east half of the lot at 14547 – 72 Avenue to establish the 145A Street half road, resulting in a remainder property (14547 - 72 Avenue) measuring 10 metres in width. Subsequently, the East Newton North Land Use Plan was adopted, which identified that the west half of the dedicated 145A Street half road allowance was surplus to the City needs while the east half of the 145A Street allowance was to be retained as a pedestrian walkway.

The rezoning by-law related to Application No. 7908-0065-00, which will act to rezone the subject consolidated lot, received Third Reading at the February 23, 2009 Council meeting and Preliminary Layout Approval has been issued for the consolidation. It is now necessary to undertake the road closure as a prerequisite to final adoption of the rezoning by-law. Following completion of the subdivision and zoning requirements, the lot will be offered for sale to the general public by the City.

2. Road Closure Process

Prior to final approval by Council, a reference plan will be submitted to the Legislative Services Department requesting Introduction and Adoption of a by-law to close and remove the dedication as highway. Prior to Final Adoption of the by-law, in conformance with Sections 40 (3) and 94 of the Community Charter, notice of the closure will be advertised for two consecutive weeks in a local newspaper and a notice will be posted at City Hall. The advertisement provides information to the public at large on the details of the closure and indicates that all pertinent data can be obtained from the Realty Services Division. All concerns from the public will be addressed prior to completion of the closure. In addition, as required under Section 40 (4) of the Charter, notice of the City's intention to close the road will be directed to all utility companies considered to be affected by the proposed closure. Legislative Services will then request Council to give Final Adoption to the road closure by-law. Upon completion of these requirements, the road closure by-law will then be registered at the Land Title Office to obtain a legal title for the closed road. The related rezoning by-law will be forwarded to Council for final adoption, after which the consolidation of the closed road with the lot at 14547 – 72 Avenue will be completed to create a larger single-family lot. The Realty Services Division will then be in a position to offer the new lot for sale as prescribed under Sections 26 and 94 of the Charter. Upon receipt of an acceptable offer, the Realty Services Division will submit a report to Council seeking authority to sell the newly created lot.

CONCLUSION

The portion of road to be closed and consolidated is not needed for road purposes. The closure and consolidation of this road allowance with the lot at 14547 - 72 Avenue and the rezoning of this consolidated lot to Single Family Residential Zone (RF) will create a residential building lot conforming to the East Newton North Land Use Plan. The City will then offer this lot for sale.

As required under Section 40 (4) of the Community Charter, all utility companies potentially affected by the road closure have been consulted and none has expressed any concerns.

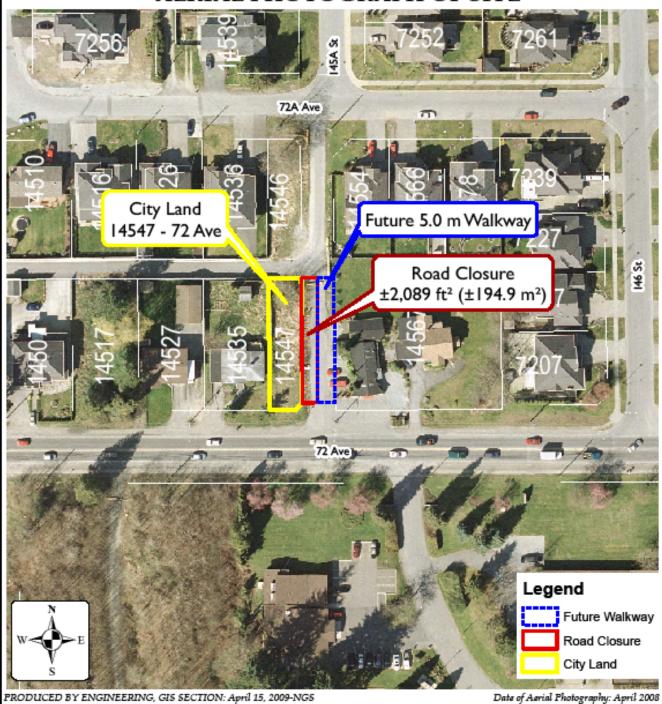
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Appendices

- I. Aerial Photograph of Site
- II. Proposed New Residential Lot

APPENDIX I AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH OF SITE



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Road Closure at 145A ST Adjacent to 14547 - 72 AVE Project: 7908-0065-00

GIS SECTION

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Lot sizes, Legal descriptions and encumbrances must be confirmed at the Land Title Office.

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