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TO: **Mayor & Council**

DATE: **November 26, 2009**

FROM: **General Manager, Engineering**

FILE: **0930-30/327**

PLANNING FILE: **7909-0022-00**

SUBJECT: **Lease of City Lands located at 13922 – 101 Avenue
to the Provincial Rental Housing Corporation
(Timber Grove)**

RECOMMENDATION

The Engineering Department recommends that Council:

1. approve the granting at a nominal rate of a 60 year lease of the City-owned land (proposed Lot 1, as shown on map in Appendix I) located at 13922 – 101 Avenue to the Province's Provincial Rental Housing Corporation for social housing purposes; and
2. approve the granting of an access easement to the subject parcel containing 266.9 m² (2,872 ft.²) over City land, east from 101 Avenue, along the northern edge of the proposed Lot 1 (access easement, as shown on map in Appendix I).

BACKGROUND

Council has authorized staff to take all necessary actions to implement a Social Housing Olympic Legacy housing project on the site at 13922 – 101 Avenue, a City-owned lot. The housing project will involve the relocation of modular Olympic athletes housing units from Whistler to this site after the 2010 Winter Olympics. The proposed supportive housing development (Timber Grove) is in the final stages of rezoning, subdivision and issuance of a development permit. The site is being provided by the City by means of a long term lease to the Provincial Rental Housing Corporation (PRHC), a corporation owned by the Province and having its operations directed by the British Columbia Housing Management Commission (BCHMC).

The subject City-owned property is 0.476 ha (1.18 acre) in area.

DISCUSSION

The City entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the BCHMC on March 31, 2008. The MOU established a partnership between the City and Province with respect to the development of supportive housing initiatives. The subject (Timber Grove) project is located on one of three City-owned sites that is covered by the MOU and that are to be leased at a nominal rate for supportive housing projects. Provision of the land at a nominal lease rate is part of the City's contribution towards the construction of the Timber Grove supportive housing development. The project will be managed under an operating agreement between BCHMC & Coast Mental Health, a not-for-profit housing society.

The access easement that is referenced in recommendation 2 is necessary to support the appropriate design for vehicular access to the development.

SUSTAINABILITY CONSIDERATION

The proposed Timber Grove housing project will, upon completion, assist in achieving some of the City's Socio-Cultural goals within its Sustainability Charter. These include:

- the City's action to assist in its Housing Action Plan (SC9) by helping to achieve "appropriate housing targets"; and
- this project will "support the implementation of solutions to social service issues within the City's mandated responsibilities"(SC16).

Next Steps

If Council approves the recommendations of this report, then pursuant to the Community Charter, a notice of the proposed long term lease to the Provincial Rental Housing Corporation will be published in the local newspaper. Staff will conclude the lease agreement with the Province subject to the final adoption of the related rezoning by-law, subdivision of the site and issuance of the development permit for the project.

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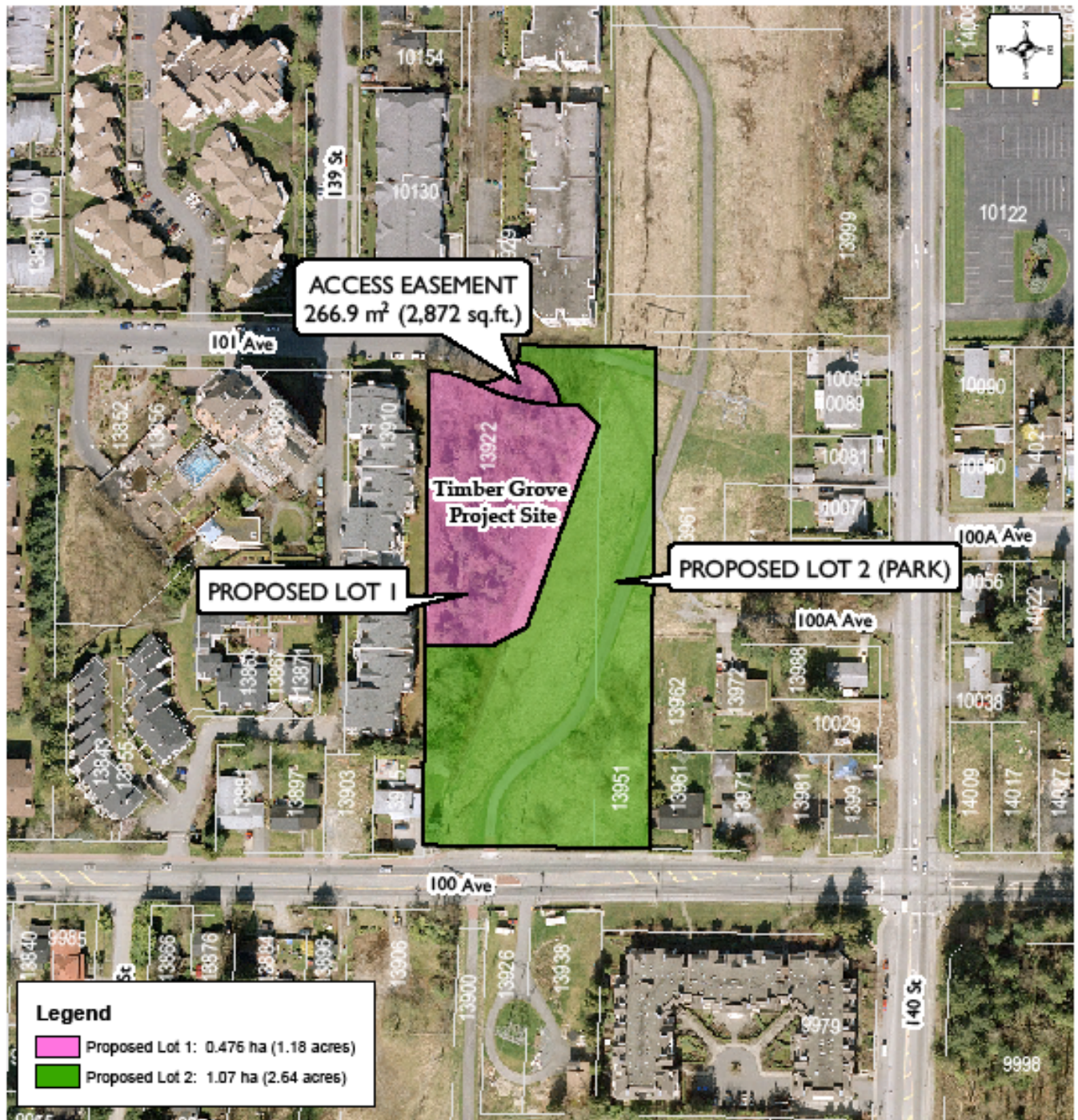
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Appendix I - Aerial Photo showing the proposed lot to be leased
and related access easement for the Timber Grove Project

APPENDIX I AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH OF SITE



Produced by GIS Section: November 12, 2009

Date of Aerial Photography: April 2008



**SUBJECT PROPERTY: 13922 - 101 AVE
PROPOSED LOT AND ACCESS EASEMENT
LOT TO BE LEASED FOR THE PROPOSED
SOCIAL HOUSING PROJECT**

**REALTY
DIVISION**

The data provided is compiled from various sources and IS NOT warranted as to its accuracy or sufficiency by the City of Surrey.
This information is provided for information and convenience purposes only.
Lot sizes, legal descriptions and encumbrances must be confirmed at the Land Title Office.

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