

CORPORATE REPORT

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REGULAR COUNCIL

TO: Mayor & Council DATE: April 7, 2010

FROM: General Manager, Engineering FILE: 0870-20/185

SUBJECT: Road Closure Adjacent to 9827 – 186 Street

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 558 m² (6,006 ft.²) portion of road adjacent to 9827 – 186 Street as illustrated on Appendix 1 attached to this report.

BACKGROUND

1. Property Location

The 558 m² road allowance proposed for closure is a redundant road allowance located between the CN Railway to the south and the Fraser River to the north in the 9800 block of 186 Street. On July 27, 2009, Council approved a land exchange between the City and S&R Sawmills (Corporate Report No. R141 attached as Appendix II). The subject road closure is required to complete the land exchange. It is noted that all area calculations and measurements contained in this report are approximate and subject to final survey.

2. Plan Designations, Zoning, and Land Uses

The road closure area and the adjacent properties at 9827 - 186 Street and 18795 - 98A Avenue are zoned Light Industrial (IL) and designated as Industrial in the Official Community Plan.

DISCUSSION

1. Purpose of Road Closure

The 558 m² road closure area is to be consolidated with the adjacent property at 18795 - 98A Avenue and a 1.84 acre portion of 9827 – 186 Street. This property will be retained by S&R Sawmills for their existing sawmill operation. This road closure will not affect access to the proposed waterfront park that the City is acquiring from S&R, which will be from 182A Street. The City will be retaining the northerly 20 metres of 186 Street road allowance fronting the Fraser River for future park purposes.

All concerned City departments have reviewed the proposed closures and there are no objections to the closure or to the disposition of the subject portion of closed road allowance to S&R Sawmills.

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

2. Land Value

S&R Sawmills has agreed to provide compensation to the City equivalent to the market value of the lands as determined by a qualified appraiser, which are consistent with the values established in the original land exchange.

3. Road Closure Process

Prior to final approval of 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 of the subject portions of road allowance. 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 will provide information to the public about the details of the closure and will indicate that all pertinent information 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 provide final adoption of the by-law. Upon completion of these requirements, the by-law will be registered at the Land Title Office. The Realty Services Division will then advertise the disposition of the road in a local newspaper and will post a notice at City Hall as prescribed under Sections 26 and 94 of the Community Charter. The advertisement and notice will contain a description of the land. Upon completion of these postings, a final report will be submitted to Council to obtain approval to sell the closed road allowance areas. Staff will then prepare transfer documents to transfer these areas to the purchaser, and consolidation and registration will take place at the Land Title Office.

4. Sustainability Considerations

The proposed road closures support the Sustainability Charter's economic goal of using the City's land base efficiently.

CONCLUSION

The portion of road to be closed and consolidated is not needed for road purposes. The terms of the agreement covering the disposition of the surplus road allowance and its consolidation with the adjacent property at 18795 – 98A Avenue and a 1.84 acre portion of 9827 – 186 Street are considered reasonable. On this basis, it is recommended that Council authorize the City Clerk to bring forward a by-law to close and remove the dedication as highway of a 558 m² (6,006 ft.²) portion of road adjacent to 9827 – 186 Street as illustrated on Appendix 1 attached to this report.

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<u>Appendices</u>

- I. Aerial Photograph of Site
- II. Corporate Report No. R141

