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COUNCIL DATE: July 26, 2010

REGULAR COUNCIL

TO: **Mayor and Council**

DATE: **July 23, 2010**

FROM: **General Manager, Engineering
General Manager, Parks, Recreation and Culture**

FILE: **0870/20-281/A**

SUBJECT: **Acquisition of Property at 17684 - 20 Avenue for Parkland**

RECOMMENDATION

The Engineering Department and the Parks, Recreation and Culture Department recommend that Council approve the purchase of the property at 17684 - 20 Avenue (PID No. 008-489-271) for parkland.

DISCUSSION

1. **Property Location: 17684 – 20 Avenue**

The property at 17684 - 20 Avenue is situated in the Redwood area of South Surrey. This lot is located between two larger areas of parkland owned by the City as illustrated on the map attached as Appendix 1. The lot has an area of 1.531 acres (.62 ha) and is improved with an older, single family detached dwelling.

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

The subject property is zoned RA (One Acre Residential) and designated “Rural” in the Official Community Plan. A Neighbourhood Concept Plan has not been developed for this area.

3. **Purpose of the Acquisition**

The purpose of the acquisition is to provide additional parkland as envisioned under the Park Acquisition Program for Redwood Park.

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 future parks/recreational amenities in the Redwood and Grandview Heights areas of South Surrey.

4. Contract of Purchase and Sale

A purchase and sale agreement has been negotiated with and accepted by the owner. This agreement is supported by an appraisal completed by an accredited, independent appraiser. The agreement is subject to City Council approval on or before July 27, 2010. Sale completion is to take place upon registration of the transfer documents in the Land Title Office.

5. Sustainability Considerations

Acquiring the subject property supports the broad Sustainability Charter goal of integrating nature into the City's neighbourhoods. In particular, the proposed land acquisition supports the following Sustainability Charter Scope actions:

SC6 – Accessible and appropriately located services within the City, including recreation, arts, culture, and customer service locations.

EN13 – Enhancing the Public Realm by the design of parks and natural areas.

6. Funding for Purchase

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

CONCLUSION

The terms of the purchase and sale agreement are considered reasonable. This acquisition will assist in positioning the City to provide park/open space in the Redwood and Grandview Heights areas of South Surrey.

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Appendix I: Aerial Photograph of Site

APPENDIX I AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH OF SITE



Produced by GIS Section: July 5, 2010, CS

Date of Aerial Photography: April 2009



SUBJECT PROPERTY
17684 20 Ave
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**ENGINEERING
DEPARTMENT**

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