

CORPORATE REPORT

NO: R204 COUNCIL DATE: November 7, 2011

REGULAR COUNCIL

TO: Mayor & Council DATE: November 3, 2011

FROM: General Manager, Engineering FILE: 0910-20/430

General Manager, Parks, Recreation & Culture

SUBJECT: Closure and Sale of a Portion of Parkland at 3294 - 145 Street

RECOMMENDATION

The Engineering Department and the Parks, Recreation and Culture Department recommend that Council:

- 1. approve the closure and sale of a 189 m² area of parkland located at 3294 145 Street for the purposes of consolidating this land with the adjacent development land located at 14555 32 Avenue, all as generally illustrated in Appendix I attached to this report; and
- 2. authorize the City Clerk to bring forward the necessary park closure by-law for the required readings.

DISCUSSION

1. Property Description

The City parkland located at 3294 - 145 Street has an area of 2,410 m² (25,940 ft.²⁾), and is in a treed and natural state. The land was dedicated as park as part of a subdivision plan (Plan BCP 17911) that was registered in 2005.

2. Purpose of Park Closure

The applicants for the subdivision of the lot at 14555 – 32 Avenue (Application No. 7906-0294-00) have requested that the City sell them a 189 m² area of the parkland located at 3294 - 145 Street to facilitate the development of a cul-de-sac required to service the residential lots being created by way of their proposed subdivision. The 189 m² area of parkland will then be dedicated back to the City as road allowance as part of the subdivision.

The applicants have offered to dedicate an equal area (189 m²) of the lot at 14555 - 32 Avenue for parkland, which will be in addition to the compulsory 1,361 m² (15%) area that will be dedicated as parkland in relation to the normal requirements of subdivision. The total area of land to be dedicated as parkland is therefore 1,550 m², which is shown as "Open Space" on the proposed subdivision layout that is illustrated in Appendix II. The overall park dedication will facilitate corridor links and trail connections between the subject parkland at 3294 – 145 Street and Semiahmoo Trail, which is located east of the development site.

The proposed sale of the 189 m² area of City parkland was identified in the June 7, 2010 Planning Report to Council related to development Application No. 7906-0294-00, which was supported by Council. The Parks, Recreation & Culture Department supports the recommendations of this report.

3. Land Value

The applicants have agreed to provide compensation to the City based on the market value of the 189 m² of land as determined by a qualified appraiser.

Since the property was acquired through dedication for park purposes, the proceeds of this sale will be placed in the Parkland Acquisition Reserve Fund for use in funding purchases of other parkland by the City.

4. Park Closure Process

Subject to Council approval, a reference plan will be submitted to the Legislative Services Department requesting the introduction and adoption of a park closure by-law to dispose of the dedicated parkland. In accordance with Section 27 of the Community Charter, the City must obtain approval of the electors to enact a park closure by-law. The City will seek the approval of the electors by alternative approval process under Section 86 of the Community Charter after third reading of the By-law. The By-law will be advertised for two consecutive weeks in a local newspaper in accordance with Section 94 of the Community Charter, and the advertisement will give a deadline date of 30 days from the second advertisement for the submission of elector responses. After the deadline date, Council will be asked to give Final Adoption to the By-law, unless 10% or more of the electors object to the park closure.

Upon Final Adoption, the park closure by-law will be registered at the Land Title Office to obtain legal title to the closed park area. The rezoning by-law for the related development project will similarly be forwarded to Council for final adoption, which will be followed by the approval of the subdivision plan. The City will then transfer the closed parkland to the applicants and the registration of the transfer documents will occur concurrently with the filing of the approved subdivision plan and receipt of funds by the City.

5. Sustainability Considerations

The proposed disposition of parkland will provide the City with important connections to the Semiahmoo Trail system, while facilitating an orderly subdivision layout. The proposed sale supports the achievement of sustainable land uses and development, and the broad Sustainability Charter objective of appropriate land uses throughout the City. In particular, it supports the following Sustainability Charter Scope actions:

- EN13: Expediting the completion of a continuous Greenway, bicycle, and trail system throughout the City; and
- EN12: Continuing to protect and remediate existing natural areas and to acquire additional new natural areas.

CONCLUSION

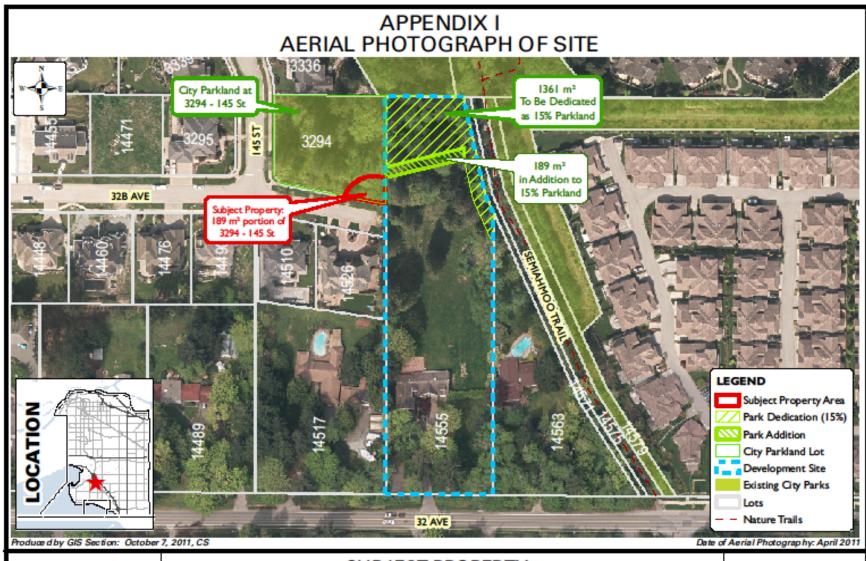
Approval of the closure for disposition of a portion of the parkland at 3294 - 145 Street will allow for the dedication as park of an equal area of more advantageously located parkland and will facilitate the orderly subdivision of land in the area.

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Appendices

- I. Aerial Photograph of Site
- II. Proposed Subdivision Site Layout





SUBJECT PROPERTY: Portion of 3294 - 145 St

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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.
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APPENDIX II

Proposed Subdivision Site Layout

