

NO: R035

COUNCIL DATE: February 20, 2012

REGULAR COUNCIL

TO: **Mayor and Council**

DATE: **February 15, 2012**

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

FILE: **8350-102/F**

SUBJECT: **Acquisition of Property at 6848 - 132 Street for Parkland**

RECOMMENDATION

The Engineering Department and the Parks, Recreation and Culture Department recommend that Council approve the purchase of the property at 6848 - 132 Street (PID No. 001-671-308) for parkland.

DISCUSSION

1. **Property Location: 6848 - 132 Street**

The property at 6848 - 132 Street is located at the western boundary of Unwin Park and is one of the last remaining properties to be acquired for the park as illustrated on Appendix I. This 0.49 acre property 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 is designated "Urban" in the Official Community Plan.

3. **Purpose of the Acquisition**

The purpose of the acquisition is to provide additional land for the completion of Unwin Park.

The Parks, Recreation and Culture Department has determined that the acquisition of this property will allow development of sports fields, passive park areas and other uses at the Park in support of continued growth in the Newton community.

4. **Contract of Purchase and Sale**

A purchase and sale agreement has been negotiated with and accepted by the owner of the subject property. This agreement is supported by an appraisal completed by an accredited, independent appraiser. The agreement is subject to City Council approval on or before February 20, 2012. Sale completion is to take place upon registration, which is expected to occur by the end of April 2012.

5. Sustainability Considerations

Acquiring the subject property supports the objectives of the City's Sustainability Charter. In particular, the proposed land acquisition supports the following Sustainability Charter Scope action items:

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

EN13 – Enhancing the Public Realm through 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 based on completed appraisal work. The recommended acquisition will assist in ensuring the provision of adequate park/open space for the residents of the Newton community.

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Appendix I: Aerial Photograph of Site (6848 – 132 Street)

APPENDIX I AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH OF SITE



Produced by GIS Section: January 19, 2012, AW8

Date of Aerial Photography: April 2011



**SUBJECT PROPERTY
6848 132 STREET**

**ENGINEERING
DEPARTMENT**

The data provided is compiled from various sources and IS NOT warranted as to its accuracy or sufficiency by the City of Surrey.
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