

## CORPORATE REPORT

NO: R079 COUNCIL DATE: April 23, 2012

**REGULAR COUNCIL** 

TO: Mayor and Council DATE: April 18, 2012

FROM: General Manager, Engineering FILE: 0870/20-243/B

General Manager, Parks, Recreation and Culture

SUBJECT: Acquisition of Property from 6106, 6146, & 6178 - 148 Street for Parkland

#### RECOMMENDATION

The Engineering Department and the Parks, Recreation and Culture Department recommend that Council approve the purchase of a portion of the property at 6106 - 148 Street (PID No. 007-276-630) and 6146 - 148 Street (PID 012-136-115) for parkland in accordance with the South Newton Neighbourhood Concept Plan.

#### **DISCUSSION**

#### 1. Property Location: 6106, 6146, & 6178 - 148 Street

The properties at 6106, 6146, & 6178 - 148 Street are located in the South Newton NCP area and are the subject of Development Application no. 7910-0293. A portion of the lots at 6106 & 6146 - 148 Street, respectively, having a total area of 26,351 ft.² (2448 m²) is required for park purposes. An additional 2.68 acre area of land is being acquired by dedication from this development as a condition of approval of the subject development application, which dedication is for riparian area protection as required by the Department of Fisheries and Oceans.

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

The subject properties are zoned RA (One Acre Residential) and A-1 (General Agricultural Zone) and are designated "Urban" in the Official Community Plan. The Highest and Best Use for this property is illustrated on the plan attached as Appendix II to this report.

#### 3. Purpose of the Acquisition

The South Newton NCP identifies the need for a greenbelt through the subject properties to provide a pedestrian linkage to Cambridge Elementary School. This acquisition provides a 10 m wide corridor for this pathway. The land proposed for acquisition also contains specimen trees and will provide views of the natural areas being dedicated for riparian protection as referenced above.

#### 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 April 23, 2012. Sale completion is to take place upon registration of the subdivision in the Land Title Office.

#### 5. Sustainability Considerations

Acquiring the subject property supports the objectives of the City's Sustainability Charter; in particular, the following 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 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 providing parks/open space in the South Newton area as anticipated by the South Newton NCP.

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Appendix I: Aerial Photograph of Site

Appendix II: Landscape Plan

# **APPENDIX I** AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH OF SITE 6236 OCATION SUBJECT PROPERTIES 6106 & 6146 - 148 STREET 6178 6IA-AVE 61A AVE 6146 6133 PURCHASE FOR PARK PURPOSES 61115 RIPARIAN AREA TO BE 6063 TRANSFERRED TO **ACCESS** LEGEND THE CITY CAMBRIDGE ELEMENTARY EASEMENT Subject Property SCHOOL PARK Riparian Area Area to be Purchased Access Easement Parks Produced by GIS Section: March 21, 2012, AW8 Date of Aerial Photography: April 2011



SUBJECT PROPERTIES 6106 & 6146 - 148 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. 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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#### APPENDIX II

