

CORPORATE REPORT

NO: R061 COUNCIL DATE: April 8, 2013

REGULAR COUNCIL

TO: Mayor and Council DATE: March 25, 2013

FROM: General Manager, Engineering FILE: 0870/20-475/A

General Manager, Parks, Recreation and Culture

SUBJECT: Acquisition of Property at 6501 - 140 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 6501 - 140 Street (PID No. 011-361-697) for parkland in accordance with the South Newton Neighbourhood Concept Plan.

DISCUSSION

1. Property Location: 6501 - 140 Street

The property at 6501 - 140 Street is located in the South Newton Neighbourhood Concept Plan area and is the subject of Development Application No. 7912-0018. An 8,154 m² (87,769 ft.² or 2 acres) riparian area, which includes the riparian setback area measuring 15 metres from the top-of-bank, within this property is being conveyed to the City for conservation purposes. A 2,540 m² (27,341 ft.²) area within the subject property is required for park purposes, which is labelled as Lot 17 on Appendix I attached to this report. An additional area of 461.55 m² (4,962 ft.²) is being secured by way of park dedication (5% of the area of the site) as a condition of approval of the related subdivision application.

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. The Highest and Best Use for this property is subdivision into RF-12 lots on those portions of the property not required for riparian protection.

3. Purpose of the Acquisition

Hyland Creek Park is an existing, busy neighbourhood-scale park in the rapidly growing South Newton neighbourhood. The property that is being recommended for acquisition represents the final acquisition necessary to complete this park.

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 staff appraiser. The agreement is subject to City Council approval on or before April 9, 2013. Sale completion is to take place upon registration of the subdivision in the Land Title Office.

5. Sustainability Considerations

Acquiring the subject property for park purposes supports the objectives of the City's Sustainability Charter. In particular, it supports the following Sustainability Charter Scope action:

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 Program.

CONCLUSION

The terms of the purchase and sale agreement are considered reasonable. This acquisition will assist in providing park/open space as contemplated in the South Newton Neighbourhood Concept Plan.

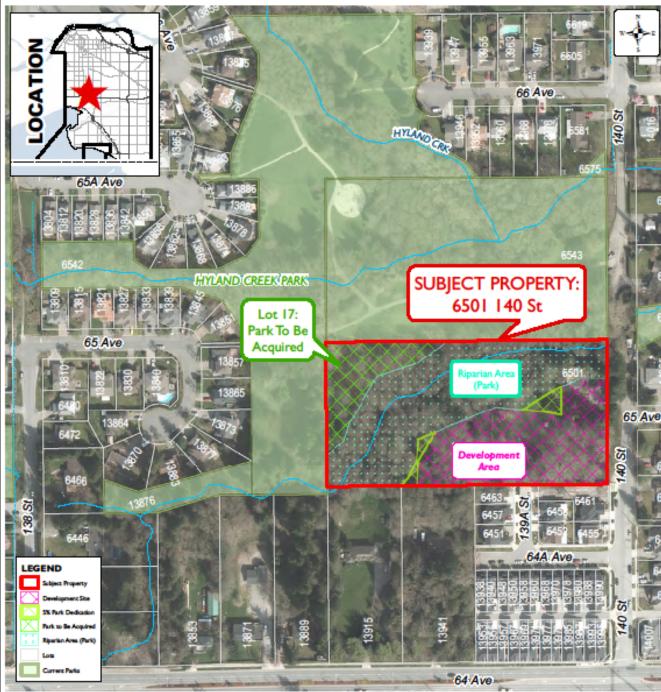
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Appendix I: Aerial Photograph of Site

APPENDIX I **AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH OF SITE**



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Date of Aerial Photography: April 2012



Subject Property: 6501 140 St FILE: 0870-20/475/A

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