

## CORPORATE REPORT

NO: R160 COUNCIL DATE: SEPTEMBER 9, 2013

### **REGULAR COUNCIL**

TO: Mayor & Council DATE: September 4, 2013

FROM: General Manager, Engineering FILE: 0910-30/184

7911-0173/00

SUBJECT: Closure of Road Allowance Adjacent to 6321 King George Boulevard

#### RECOMMENDATION

The Engineering Department recommends that Council authorize the City Clerk to bring forward a by-law to close and remove the dedication as highway of each of a 516.6 m² (5,561 ft.²) area and a 22.6 m² (243 ft.²) area of road allowance located adjacent to the property at 6321 King George Boulevard, all as generally illustrated in Appendix I attached to this report.

#### **BACKGROUND**

## 1. Property Description

The 516.6 m² (5,561 ft.²) area of road allowance proposed for closure is an unopened lane on the west side of the privately-held property located at 6321 King George Boulevard. The 22.6 m² (243 ft.²) road allowance area is a portion of King George Boulevard at the frontage of 6321 King George Boulevard. The road allowance areas are not required by the City if the site at 6321 King George Boulevard is developed.

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

The areas of road allowance proposed for closure and the adjacent lot at 6321 King George Boulevard are zoned Highway Commercial Industrial (CHI) Zone and are designated as "Urban" in the Official Community Plan and "Retail Commercial" in the Newton Local Area Plan.

### **DISCUSSION**

## 1. Purpose of Road Closure

The areas of road proposed for closure are intended to be consolidated and rezoned with the adjacent private property located at 6321 King George Boulevard under Development Application No. 7911-0173-00. This development application is seeking approval to develop a 3-storey commercial building on the consolidated site, as illustrated in Appendix II attached to this report. The related rezoning by-law was granted third reading by Council on May 6, 2013.

The proposed road closure has been circulated to all potentially concerned City Departments for review and all are supportive of the closure.

As required under Section 40 (4) of the Community Charter, all utility companies potentially affected by the proposed road closure have been consulted and none has expressed any objection. Parts of the road closure areas are impacted by City utilities. These utilities will be protected by the registration of statutory rights-of-way where necessary.

#### 2. Land Value

The applicant has agreed to provide compensation to the City equivalent to the market value of the road closure areas as determined by a staff appraiser.

All area calculations contained in this report are approximate and subject to final survey.

### **SUSTAINABILITY CONSIDERATIONS**

The proposed road closure and sale support the Surrey Sustainability Charter goal of using the City's land base efficiently as the road allowance areas proposed for closure will not be required for road purposes upon development of the adjacent private property at 6321 King George Boulevard and are to be consolidated and developed with that adjacent property in support of planned and orderly development in Newton.

#### **CONCLUSION**

The areas of road allowance proposed for closure are surplus to the City's needs. The terms of the agreement related to the disposition of the road closure areas are considered reasonable. It is recommended that Council authorize staff to bring forward an appropriate by-law to close the subject road allowance areas in preparation for their sale and consolidation as generally described in this report.

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Appendix I: Aerial Photograph of 6321 King George Boulevard and proposed Road Closures

Appendix II: Proposed Development Layout for 6321 King George Boulevard

# APPENDIX I AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH OF SITE





CLOSURE OF ROAD
ALLOWANCE ADJACENT TO
6321 KING GEORGE BOULEVARD

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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