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## REGULAR COUNCIL

TO: **Mayor & Council**

DATE: **August 28, 2014**

FROM: **Acting General Manager, Engineering  
General Manager, Planning & Development**

FILE: **5400-80 (06450)**

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SUBJECT: **Naming of Watkins Drive**

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## RECOMMENDATION

The Engineering and Planning & Development Departments recommend that Council:

1. Approve the naming of 64A Avenue west of 192 Street to “Watkins Drive”; and
2. Instruct staff to take the necessary actions to formalize the road name changes.

## BACKGROUND

The Engineering and Planning & Development Departments are in the process of developing a new policy to guide the official naming of roads. The draft policy was endorsed by the Transportation & Infrastructure Committee on July 14, 2014, and is anticipated to be presented to Council for approval later this year.

The draft street naming policy maintains the numbered streets and avenues system for grid-aligned roads that Surrey has used since 1957 and provides guidance for determining when a non-numerical name is more appropriate, and how it is selected.

The current road naming policy, City Policy O-42 “Road Numbering and Naming”, specifies that road names must be adopted by Council resolution.

## DISCUSSION

Development application 13-0030-00, shown as Appendix I, which received final approval on July 28, 2014, has created a new road that parallels Fraser Highway, hence running at a 45-degree angle to the grid. This road connects a new segment of 191A Street to 192 Street, and with future development, it will be extended to the northwest and connect to the 192 Street Diversion. Throughout the application process, this road has been identified as 64A Avenue, but using a numerical designation does not conform to the draft street naming policy. As a result, using a non-numerical name has been recommended. The applicant supports this approach.

The draft street naming policy requires that a road name meet certain criteria. One option is that a name recognized as a historical figure of significance to Surrey, provided the said name is not also a historical road name. Potential names must also avoid duplicating existing street names, and not be able to be construed as advertising a particular business. As such, 64A Avenue at this location is recommended to be named “Watkins Drive”. This name was chosen based on historical maps of the area provided by Surrey Archives showing the Watkins family as a local land owner.

## **SUSTAINABILITY CONSIDERATIONS**

This street naming will assist in achieving the objectives of the City’s Sustainability Charter by helping to raise awareness of Surrey’s history and community identity, and providing a sense of place. In particular, the street naming will assist in achieving the following Surrey Sustainability Charter Scope action items:

- SC4: Cultural Awareness in the Community; and
- C10: Historical and Heritage Assets.

## **CONCLUSION**

Based on the above discussion, it is recommended that Council:

- Approve the naming of 64A Avenue west of 192 Street to “Watkins Drive”; and
- Instruct staff to take the necessary actions to formalize the road name changes.

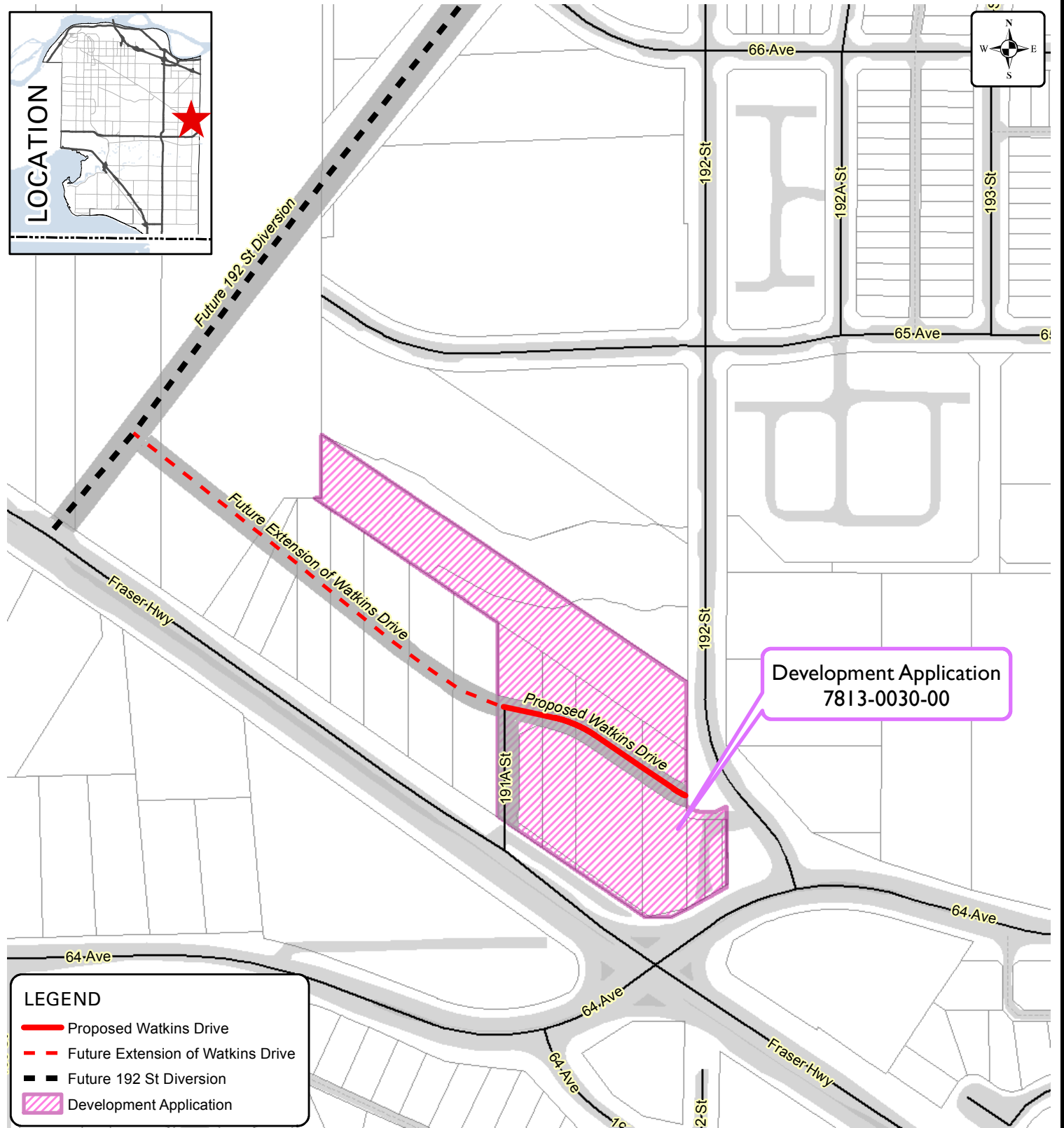
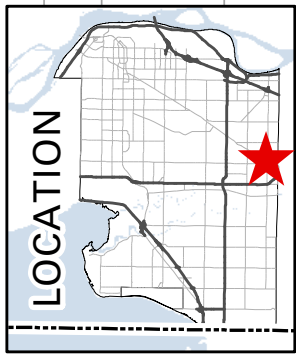
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Appendix I – Development Application 7813-0033-00

# APPENDIX I



**LEGEND**

- Proposed Watkins Drive
- Future Extension of Watkins Drive
- Future 192 St Diversion
- Development Application

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Development Application  
7813-0030-00

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