

# CORPORATE REPORT

NO: R129

COUNCIL DATE: June 29, 2015

# **REGULAR COUNCIL**

TO:	Mayor & Council	DATE:	June 22, 2015
FROM:	General Manager, Engineering	FILE:	7914-0298-00
SUBJECT:	Closure of Road Allowance Adjacent to 15685 – 106A Avenue		

# RECOMMENDATION

The Engineering Department recommends that Council authorize the City Clerk to bring forward a bylaw to close and remove the dedication as highway of a 216.4 m<sup>2</sup> (2,329 ft.<sup>2</sup>) area of front road allowance and a 186 m<sup>2</sup> (2,002 ft.<sup>2</sup>) area of rear lane allowance adjacent to the property at 15685 – 106A Avenue as generally illustrated in Appendix I attached to this report, subject to compliance with the notice provisions of the *Community Charter, SBC* 2003, *Chap.* 26.

# BACKGROUND

# **Property Description**

The road allowance areas proposed for closure are firstly a  $216.4 \text{ m}^2 (2,329 \text{ ft.}^2)$  portion of road fronting the south property line of the privately-held property located at 15685 - 106A Avenue, and secondly a  $186 \text{ m}^2 (2,002 \text{ ft.}^2)$  unopened, 3 metre wide half lane located along the north property line of the same property.

# Zoning, Plan Designations, and Land Uses

The areas of road allowance proposed for closure and the property at 15685 – 106A Avenue are zoned One Acre Residential Zone (RA), and are designated "Urban" in the Official Community.

#### DISCUSSION

#### **Purpose of Road Closure**

The two areas of road proposed for closure are intended to be consolidated and rezoned with the subject adjacent property at 15685 – 106A Avenue under Development Application No. 7914-0298-00. This development application is seeking approval to permit four single family lots, as illustrated in Appendix II attached to this report. The related rezoning bylaw was granted third reading by Council on February 23, 2015.

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

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 objections.

# Land Value

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

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

# SUSTAINABILITY CONSIDERATIONS

The proposed road closure and sale supports the Sustainability Charter's goal of using the City's land base efficiently as the road allowance areas proposed for closure are not required for road purposes, and are to be consolidated and developed with the adjacent property in support of planned and orderly development in Fraser Heights. These outcomes support the following Sustainability Charter action items:

- EC1: Corporate Economic Sustainability; and
- EN9: Sustainable Land Use Planning and Development Practices.

# CONCLUSION

The proposed road closure areas 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 bylaw to close the subject road allowance areas in preparation for its sale and consolidation as generally described in this report.

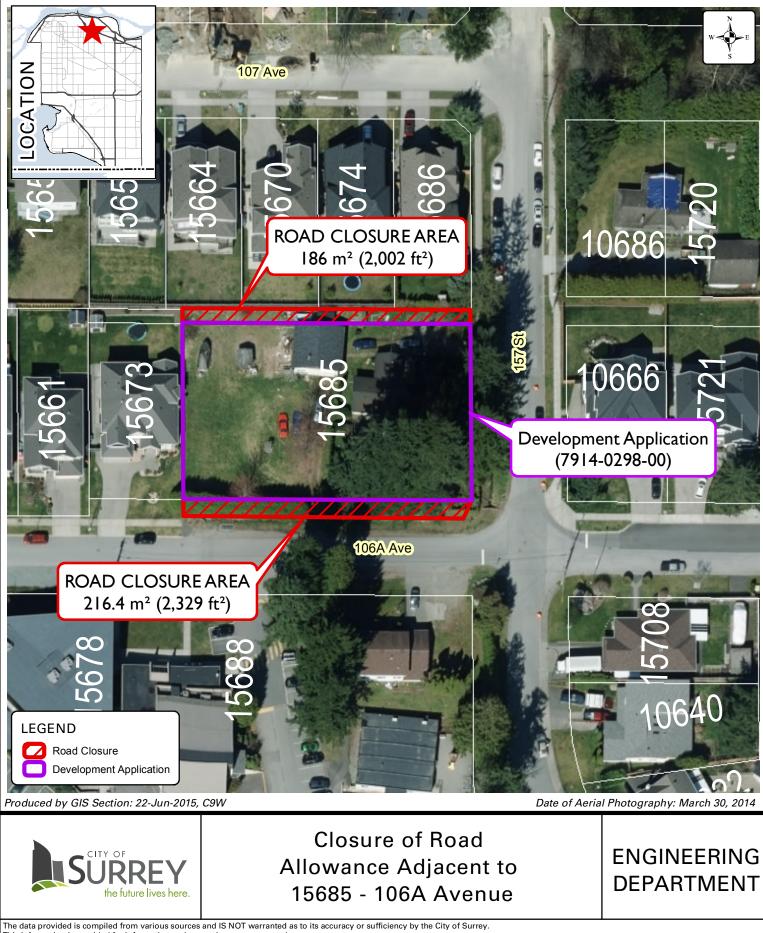
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Appendix I - Aerial Photograph of Road Closure Area Appendix II - Application 7914-0298-00 Preliminary Subdivision Plan

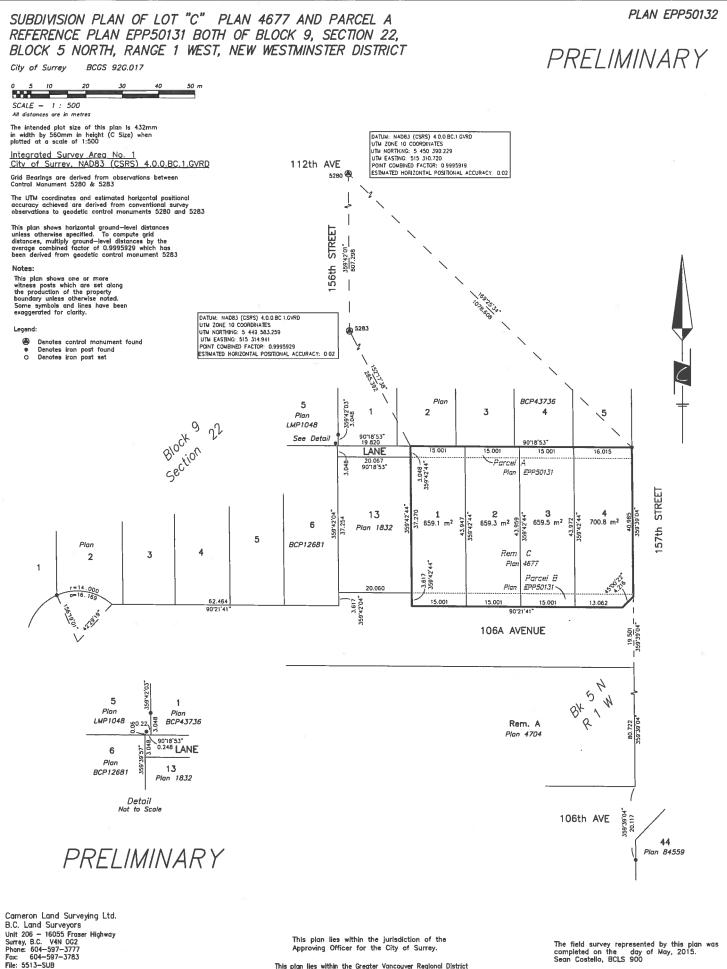
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# APPENDIX I AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH OF SITE



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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