

NO: R087

COUNCIL DATE: May 8, 2017

REGULAR COUNCIL

TO: **Mayor & Council**

DATE: **May 2, 2017**

FROM: **General Manager, Engineering**

FILE: **7916-0431-00**

SUBJECT: **Closure of Road Allowance Adjacent to 17710 – 56A Avenue
and 17735 – 56 Avenue**

RECOMMENDATION

The Engineering Department recommends that Council authorize the City Clerk to bring forward a Bylaw to close and remove the dedication as road of a $\pm 116.8 \text{ m}^2$ (1,257 ft.²) portion of unconstructed road allowance adjacent to 17710 – 56A Avenue and 17735 – 56 Avenue, as generally illustrated in Appendix “I” attached to this report, subject to compliance with the notice of provisions of the *Community Charter*, SBC 2003, C.26.

BACKGROUND

Property Description

The road allowance area proposed for closure is a $\pm 116.8 \text{ m}^2$ (1,257 ft.²) portion of unconstructed road allowance (the “Road Closure Area”) adjacent to two City properties located at 17710 – 56A Avenue and 17735 – 56 Avenue (Highway 10) (the “City Properties”) comprising the Surrey Museum facility.

Zoning, Plan Designations and Land Uses

The City Properties adjacent to the Road Closure Area are zoned Town Centre Commercial (C-15) Zone, and are designated Town Centre in the Official Community Plan.

DISCUSSION

Purpose of Road Closure

The Road Closure Area is considered to be surplus to the City’s needs and will be consolidated with the City Properties to create one parcel and developed under Development Application 7916-0431-00 to permit expansion of the Surrey Museum. As a housekeeping measure, City staff are also currently in the process of consolidating all City lands at the Surrey Museum complex. This consolidation will bring a total of 10 existing properties, comprising the Museum, Archives building (1912 Hall) and the Cloverdale Library, into one legal lot.

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 have expressed any objections.

SUSTAINABILITY CONSIDERATIONS

The proposed road closure supports the City's Sustainability Charter. In particular, the closure of the portion of road allowance relates to the Sustainability Charter themes of Built Environment and Neighbourhoods, and Education and Culture. Specifically, the road closure supports the following Desired Outcomes:

- Neighbourhoods and Urban Design DO 8: The built environment enhances quality of life, happiness and well-being;
- Buildings and Sites DO 11: Surrey is at the forefront of sustainable and restorative building design and technology;
- Buildings and Sites DO 15: All new buildings, public places and outdoor spaces are welcoming, safe and universally accessible;
- Neighbourhoods and Urban Design SD 6: Provide a range of community amenities including culture, recreation, health, and educational facilities in each Town Centre;
- Arts and Heritage DO 7: An enviable and vibrant arts and heritage sector contributes to Surrey's citizen engagement, enrichment, economy, community livability, and civic pride;
- Arts and Heritage DO 8: Arts, heritage and entertainment spaces are incorporated throughout the City;

CONCLUSION

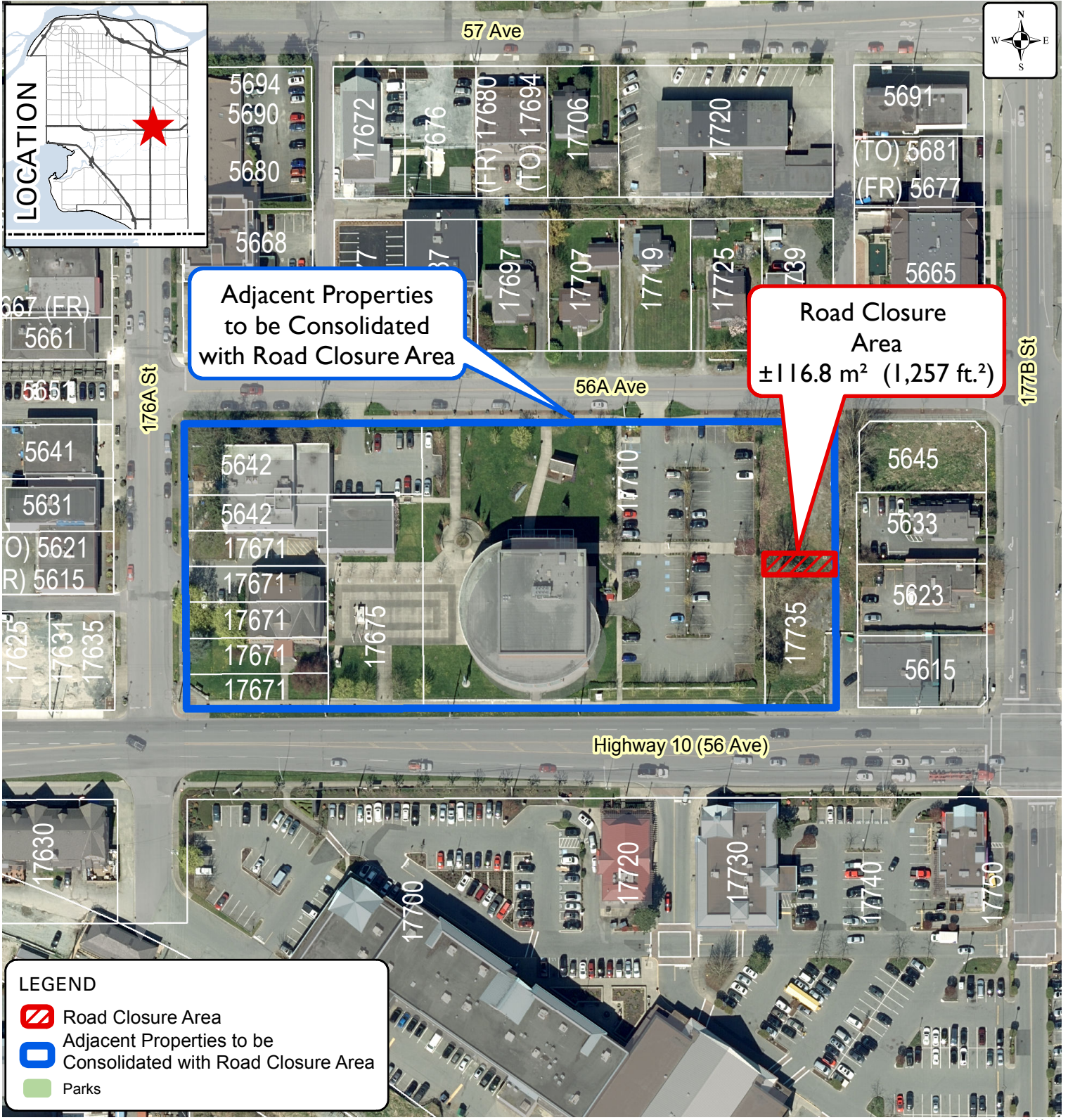
The Road Closure Area is surplus to the City's needs. It is recommended that Council authorize staff to bring forward an appropriate Bylaw to close the subject Road Closure Area in preparation for its consolidation as generally described in this report.

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Appendix "I" - Aerial Photograph of Road Closure Area

AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH OF SITE



Produced by GIS Section: 27-Apr-2017, P123723

Date of Aerial Photograph: March 30, 2016

Scale: 1:1,500



Closure of Road Adjacent to
17710 – 56A Avenue and
17735 – 56 Avenue

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.