

CORPORATE REPORT

NO: R162 COUNCIL DATE: July 24, 2017

REGULAR COUNCIL

TO: Mayor and Council DATE: July 20, 2017

FROM: General Manager, Engineering FILE: 0870-20/514A&B

General Manager, Parks, Recreation & Culture

SUBJECT: Acquisition of Portions of Properties at 7414 – 194 Street and 7405 – 196 Street

RECOMMENDATION

The Engineering Department and the Parks, Recreation & Culture Department recommend that Council approve the purchase of a portion of the properties at 7414 – 194 Street (PID: 002-406-306) and 7405 – 196 Street (PID: 003-568-954) for park/linear pathway purposes, as illustrated on the attached Appendix "I".

BACKGROUND

Property Locations: 7414 - 194 Street and 7405 - 196 Street

The properties at 7414 – 194 Street and 7405 – 196 Street (the "Properties") are located in the East Clayton Neighbourhood Concept Plan ("NCP") Extension – North of 72 Avenue Area. The related Development Application No. 7914-0190-00 received an initial Preliminary Layout Approval ("PLA") on January 23, 2015, with subsequent PLA extensions to July 23, 2017. A total of 2,910 m² (0.72 acre) from the Properties, illustrated on the aerial photograph attached as Appendix "I" to this report, is being acquired as a park/linear pathway. The remainder of the Properties are being developed into two separate parcels, as generally and conceptually illustrated in Appendix "II" attached to this report, in order to accommodate approximately 129 townhouse units. A portion of park/linear pathway is being acquired along the western portion of Lot 1, and a portion of park/linear pathway is being acquired along the eastern portion of Lot 2. Lot 2 is a hooked lot to be separated by the road extension of 194A Street.

Zoning, Plan Designations and Land Uses

The subject Properties are zoned as RA (One Acre Residential) and designated Urban in the Official Community Plan. The highest and best use of the portion of the Properties to be acquired is for holding property pending completion of the rezoning process for townhouses.

DISCUSSION

Purpose of the Acquisitions

The purpose of these parkland acquisitions is for a linear park to connect residents from the north end of East Clayton to central Clayton. These linear parks serve as important corridors for residents to walk and cycle and also provide valuable green infrastructure services including storm water infiltration and habitat connectivity.

Contract of Purchase and Sale

A purchase and sale agreement has been negotiated with and accepted by the owners of the Properties. The agreement is supported by an appraisal that was completed by an accredited, independent appraiser. The agreement is subject to City Council approval on or before July 24, 2017. Sale completion will take place upon registration of the subdivision in the Land Title Office.

Funding for Purchase

The Finance Department has confirmed that funds for these acquisitions are available in the Park Acquisition Program.

SUSTAINABILITY CONSIDERATIONS

Acquiring the Properties portions supports the objectives of the City's Sustainability Charter. In particular, these acquisitions relate to the Sustainability Charter theme of Built Environment and Neighbourhoods. Specifically, these acquisitions support the following Desired Outcomes:

- Neighbourhoods and Urban Design DO4: Surrey's neighbourhoods are safe, accessible, well connected, walkable and bike friendly;
- Neighbourhoods and Urban Design DO5: Trees, green spaces and natural areas are integrated into all neighbourhoods; and
- Neighbourhoods and Urban Design SD3: Integrate natural areas, ecosystems and green areas in all neighbourhoods.

CONCLUSION

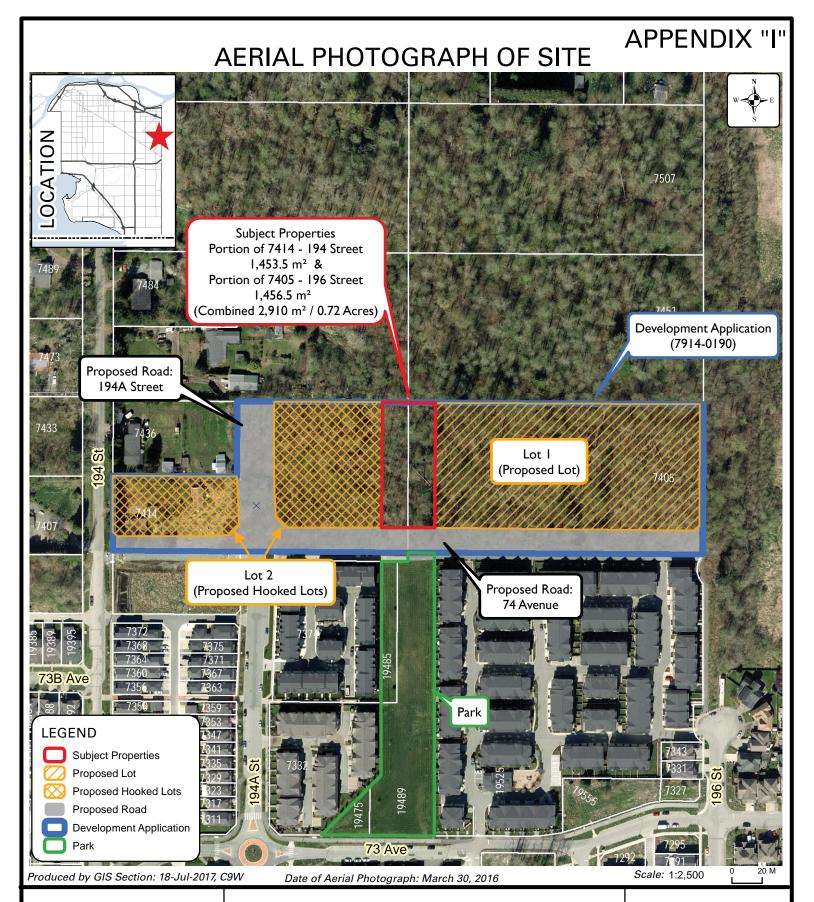
The terms of the purchase and sale agreement are considered reasonable. These acquisitions will assist in providing park/open space in the East Clayton NCP Extension – North of 72 Avenue Area.

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Appendix "I" - Aerial Photograph of Site Appendix "II" - Preliminary Layout Approval for Townhouse Site

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SUBJECT PROPERTIES Portion of 7414 - 194 Street & 7405 - 196 Street

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

