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REGULAR COUNCIL

TO: **Mayor & Council** DATE: **January 3, 2018**

FROM: **General Manager, Engineering** FILE: **0910-30/215**
General Manager, Parks, Recreation & Culture

SUBJECT: **Approval of Road Closure Adjacent to 3530 - 144 Street and Consolidation with Semiahmoo Heritage Trail**

RECOMMENDATION

The Engineering Department and Parks, Recreation & Culture Department recommend that Council:

1. Authorize the City Clerk to bring forward a Bylaw to close and remove the road dedication as highway of a 1,274.8 m² (13,721 ft.²) portion of unconstructed road allowance for park/linear pathway, as generally illustrated in Appendix "I" attached to this report, subject to the compliance with the notice provisions of Sections 26 and 94 of the *Community Charter, S.B.C., 2003, c.26*; and
2. Authorize the transfer of appropriate funds from the Park Acquisition Program to the Engineering Department for the purchase of the road closure area.

BACKGROUND

Property Description

The road allowance area proposed for closure is a 1,274.8 m² (13,721 ft.²) portion of road adjacent to 3530 - 144 Street within the Semiahmoo Heritage Trail (the "Trail").

Zoning, Plan Designations and Land Uses

There are three park properties adjacent to the road closure area. The road closure area and the adjacent City-owned property at 3530 - 144 Street are designated One Acre Residential (RA) Zone. The road closure area is designated "Urban" in the Official Community Plan.

DISCUSSION

Purpose of Road Closure

The proposed road closure area is required to accommodate the layout of the Trail. The road closure area adjacent to 3530 - 144 Street became dedicated road in 1942. The road closure area and Semiahmoo Trail will be consolidated into one park parcel.

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.

It is noted that the area calculation contained in this report is approximate and subject to final survey.

Park Consolidation

The Parks, Recreation & Culture Department has agreed to fund the acquisition associated with the closure and consolidation with the adjoining parkland.

SUSTAINABILITY CONSIDERATIONS

The proposed road closure and consolidation with the Trail supports the objectives of the City's Sustainability Charter. In particular, this road closure and consolidation relates to the Sustainability Charter theme of Built Environment and Neighbourhoods. Specifically, this closure supports the following Desired Outcome and Strategic Direction:

- Neighbourhoods and Urban Design DO5: Trees, green spaces and natural areas are integrated into all neighbourhoods; and
- Neighbourhoods and Urban Design SD4: Continue to plan and develop a transportation and mobility network that supports safety, placemaking and integration of neighbourhoods.

CONCLUSION

The proposed road closure and consolidation of parkland area are housekeeping measures that will assist in formalizing park/open space along the Trail. It is recommended that Council authorize staff to bring forward an appropriate Bylaw to close the subject road allowance area in preparation for its consolidation as generally described in this report and authorize the transfer of appropriate funds from the Park Acquisition Program to the Engineering Department for the purchase of the road closure area.

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Appendix "I" - Aerial Photograph of Site

AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH OF SITE



Produced by GIS Section: 07-Dec-2017, C9W

Date of Aerial Photograph: April 2017

Scale: 1:2,000

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Road Closure Adjacent to 3530 - 144 Street

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.