

REGULAR COUNCIL

TO: **Mayor & Council** DATE: **June 13, 2011**
FROM: **General Manager, Planning and Development** FILE: **6800-20-031**
SUBJECT: **Disposition of the Anniedale Heritage School**

RECOMMENDATION

The Planning and Development Department recommends that Council:

1. Receive this report as information; and
2. Authorize the City Clerk to forward a copy of this report and the related Council resolution to the Tynehead Community Association as information.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with information on the disposition of the Anniedale Heritage School located at 9744 - 176 Street (Appendix I).

BACKGROUND

At the Council in Committee meeting on May 30, 2011, representatives of the Tynehead Community Association appeared as a delegation before Council to provide an overview of a proposal for the Anniedale Heritage School (a photograph of School building is attached as Appendix I). The Association's proposal, which has also been submitted to the School District for consideration, includes relocating the historic schoolhouse to the lot on which the Tynehead Community Hall (also a designated heritage building) is located at 9568 - 168 Street (Appendix III) and to preserve it on that site as a heritage building. The Association expressed concerns to Council regarding the status of their negotiations with the School District in relation to completing such a relocation. They also raised concerns over the current condition and ownership of the Anniedale Heritage School stating that it is the Association's view that they own the Heritage School building having undertaken significant restoration work on the building some years ago.

After hearing the delegation, Council resolved:

"That staff meet with School District representatives and provide a report back to Council on the disposition of the Anniedale School".

Built circa 1890 and protected by a heritage designation by-law that was adopted by Council in 1986, the Anniedale Heritage School is currently located on the site of the Anniedale Traditional School at 9744 - 176 Street (Appendix II). Prior to the closure of Anniedale Traditional School in June 2010, the stand alone historic one-room Anniedale Heritage schoolhouse had been used for school-related activities. Since the closure of the Traditional School, the heritage school has not been used for any purpose. Recently, the School District issued a Request for Expressions of Interest (RFEI) with respect to the disposition of the Traditional School site and the buildings on that site including the Heritage School.

At its meeting on May 28, 2008, the Surrey Heritage Advisory Commission (the "SHAC") considered the matter of the Anniedale Heritage School and resolved that:

"the General Manager, Planning and Development direct staff to contact the School Board to request that they keep the SHAC updated as to the time frame for the closure and relocation of the Anniedale School".

Following the SHAC meeting, a letter was forwarded to the School District requesting that the School District provide information to the City and the SHAC on future plans for the Anniedale Heritage School. The School District has since informed City staff that the School District is in the midst of a Request for Expressions of Interest ("RFEI") for the Traditional School site and associated infrastructure, including the Anniedale Heritage School. The RFEI submission period closed on May 19, 2011 and School District staff is currently evaluating the submissions that were received. They have further advised that the process will ensure comprehensive due diligence. They have also advised that the School District is not adverse to the relocation of the Heritage School; however, the need to conduct a full review of the proposals received through the RFEI process must be carried out before a final decision can be made. The School District is aware that the Anniedale Heritage School is a designated heritage building and has confirmed that the City would be consulted regarding future plans for that building before any changes to the status of the building occur.

DISCUSSION

The RFEI issued by the School District noted that the Anniedale Heritage School on the subject property is a protected heritage structure and advised that "the historical building can be relocated provided that there is consultation with the City of Surrey Heritage Commission". Any proposed relocation of the building will need to be initiated by way of an application to the Planning and Development Department, which will then be forwarded to the SHAC for review and, ultimately, must be approved by City Council.

School District representatives have advised that the School District is managing the disposition of the Anniedale Heritage School as the owner of the building. The School District is aware of the position of the Tynehead Community Association that the Association is of the view that it is the owner of the Heritage School, but the School District does not have any record that such a transfer of ownership of the building occurred. The School District representatives advise that since the building is located on School District property it is being treated as a School District asset.

The School District has advised that they will provide further information to the City about the Anniedale Heritage School at the conclusion of the RFEI submission evaluation process. The evaluation process is expected to be completed by end of June 2011.

It is recommended that a copy of this report be forwarded to the Tynehead Community Association as information.

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Attachments:

- Appendix I Photograph - Historic Anniedale School
- Appendix II Location Map - Historic Anniedale School and Anniedale Traditional School
- Appendix III Location Map - Tynehead Community Hall

Anniedale Heritage School





