CORPORATE REPORT

REGULAR COUNCIL
TO: Mayor \& Council DATE: January 25, 2019
FROM: General Manager, Engineering FILE: 0910-20/439A General Manager, Parks, Recreation \& Culture XC: 7917-0603-00

SUBJECT: Closure of Road Adjacent to 16470 and $16510-18$ Avenue and Disposition of a Portion of City Parkland located at 16520-18 Avenue

## RECOMMENDATION

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

1. Authorize the City Clerk to bring forward a Bylaw to close and remove the dedication as highway of a $146.1 \mathrm{~m}^{2}\left(1,573 \mathrm{ft}^{2}\right)$ portion of unconstructed 18 Avenue adjacent to 16470 and 16510-18 Avenue; and
2. Approve the sale of a $99.7 \mathrm{~m}^{2}\left(1,073 \mathrm{ft}^{2}\right)$ portion of City Parkland located at $16520-18$ Avenue (PID: 017-756-472).

All are as generally illustrated in Appendix " I " attached to this report and subject to compliance with the notice provisions of Sections 26 and 94 of the Community Charter, S.B.C. 2003, c. 26.

## INTENT

The intent of this report is to seek Council's approval to close and remove a portion of 18 Avenue as road allowance and to approve the disposition of a small portion of City Parkland.

## BACKGROUND

## Property Description

The area of road allowance proposed for closure is a $146.1 \mathrm{~m}^{2}\left(1,573 \mathrm{ft} .^{2}\right)$ portion of unconstructed 18 Avenue adjacent to 16470 \& $16510-18$ Avenue (the "Road Closure Area").

The owner of the properties at 16470, 16510, and 16558-18 Avenue (the "Parent Properties") has applied to acquire a $99.7 \mathrm{~m}^{2}\left(1,073 \mathrm{ft} .^{2}\right)$ portion of City Parkland located at $16520-18$ Avenue (the "City Parkland") and consolidate it with the Parent Properties and the proposed Road Closure Area.

## Zoning, Plan Designations and Land Uses

The Road Closure Area, City Parkland and Parent Properties are zoned One-Acre Residential ("RA") Zone and are designated "Urban" and "Mixed Employment" in the Official Community Plan. The Road Closure Area and City Parkland are located outside of the Highway 99 Corridor Local Area Plan.

## DISCUSSION

## Purpose of Road Closure

The Road Closure Area and the City Parkland are intended to be consolidated with the Parent Properties and rezoned under Development Application No. 7917-0603-oo. This Development Application is seeking approval to rezone to a Comprehensive Development Zone to permit the development of 152 townhouse units as illustrated in Appendix "II" and Appendix "III" attached to this report. The proposed road closure was referenced in the July 23, 2018 Planning Report to Council related to Application No. 7917-0603-oo, and the related Rezoning Bylaw was granted Third Reading by Council on September 17, 2018.

The proposed 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.

## Purpose of Park Disposition

Development Application No. 7917-0603-oo specifically references the purchase of the City Parkland for consolidation with the Parent Properties. The area of the City Parkland being sold will be $99.7 \mathrm{~m}^{2}$ ( $1073 \mathrm{ft} .^{2}$ ) once consolidated with the adjacent Development Application, will be dedicated as road as part of the future 164A Street alignment. As a result of this Development Application the City is receiving $8,289.13 \mathrm{~m}^{2}$ (2.048 acres) net increase of parkland without compensation as shown in Appendix "I" and Appendix "II". The layout of the development and parkland dedication locations determined that the City Parkland was not required and could be sold for consolidation and subsequent road dedication purposes.

The proceeds from the sale of the City Parkland will be placed in the Parkland Acquisition Reserve Fund for use in funding other purchases of parkland within the City.

## Land Value

The applicant has agreed to provide compensation to the City equivalent to the market value of the Road Closure Area and the City Parkland 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 of City Parkland supports the City's Sustainability Charter 2.0. In particular, the proposal relates to the Sustainability Charter 2.0 theme of Built Environment and Neighbourhoods. Specifically, this road closure supports the following Desired Outcomes ("DO"):

- Neighbourhoods and Urban Design DO4: Surrey's neighbourhood are safe accessible, well-connected, walkable and bike friendly;
- Neighbourhoods and Urban Design DO6: Land is used efficiently and sensitively, and development minimizes the impacts on the natural environment, viewscapes, agricultural land and urban wildlife; and
- Neighbourhoods and Urban Design DO8: The built environment enhances quality of life, happiness and well-being.


## CONCLUSION

The Road Closure Area and the City Parkland are surplus to the City's needs. The terms of the agreement related to the disposition of the Road Closure Area and the City Parkland are considered reasonable. It is recommended that Council:

1. Authorize the City Clerk to bring forward a Bylaw to close and remove the dedication as highway of a $146.1 \mathrm{~m}^{2}\left(1,573 \mathrm{ft}^{2}\right)$ portion of unconstructed 18 Avenue adjacent to 16470 and 16510-18 Avenue; and
2. Approve the sale of a $99.7 \mathrm{~m}^{2}\left(1,073 \mathrm{ft}^{2}\right)$ portion of City Parkland located at $16520-18$ Avenue (PID: 017-756-472).

All are as generally described in this report.


Fraser Smith, P.Eng., MBA
General Manager, Engineering

Laurie Cavan
General Manager,
Parks, Recreation \& Culture

KSW/amg/ggg/cc
Appendix "I" - Aerial Photograph of Site
Appendix "II" - Development Application 7917-o603-oo Site Plan
Appendix "III" - Development Layout

## AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH OF SITE

a Portion of City-Owned Parklandat 16520-18 Avenue

APPENDIX "III"

