

CORPORATE REPORT

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TO:	Mayor and Council	DATE:	April 11, 2019
FROM:	General Manager, Engineering General Manager, Parks, Recreation & Cult		0870-20/249E 7915-0337-00
SUBJECT:	Acquisition of Property for Park Purposes at 6173 – 144 Street		

RECOMMENDATION

The Engineering Department and the Parks, Recreation & Culture Department recommend that Council approve the purchase of a 1,543.2 m² portion of the property at 6173 – 144 Street (PID No. 002-340-852) for park purposes, as illustrated on the attached Appendix "I".

INTENT

The intent of this report is to seek Council's approval to purchase a portion of the property at 6173 – 144 Street for park purposes.

DISCUSSION

Property Description

The property at 6173 - 144 Street (the "Property") is located in the South Newton Neighbourhood Concept Plan ("NCP"). The related Development Application No. 7915-0337-00 received Third Reading on October 3, 2016. The preliminary layout approval was issued on November 4, 2016, which was extended on January 31, 2018, May 8, 2018, and October 23, 2018. A 1,543.2 m² (16,611 ft.²) portion of the Property illustrated as proposed Lot 3 on the preliminary subdivision plan attached as Appendix "II" to this report is being acquired as park. The remainder of the property illustrated on the preliminary subdivision plan attached to this report as Appendix "II" is being developed as townhouse and two single-family residential lots.

Zoning, Plan Designations and Land Uses

The Property is zoned One-Acre RA (One-Acre Residential) and designated Urban in the Official Community Plan. The highest and best use of the portion of the Property, absent the park designation, is as a development site for urban residential.

Purpose of the Acquisition

This parkland is one component of the future neighbourhood park in South Newton, as illustrated on the attached Appendix "III" and Appendix "IV". The park was identified in the South Newton Neighbourhood Concept Plan. The acquisition of this parcel provides road frontage to the future larger park and will serve as the northern entry. The programming of the park will be determined through consultation with local residents once all the parcels are acquired that make up this park. It is likely to have typical neighbourhood park amenities including a playground, walking paths and open grass areas.

Contract of Purchase and Sale

A purchase and sale agreement has been negotiated with and accepted by the owner of the Property. 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 May 1, 2019. 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 this acquisition are available in the Park Acquisition Program.

SUSTAINABILITY CONSIDERATIONS

Acquiring the park portion of the Property supports the objectives of the City's Sustainability Charter 2.0. In particular, this acquisition relates to the Sustainability Charter 2.0 themes of Built Environment and Neighbourhoods, and Health and Wellness. Specifically, this acquisition supports the following Desired Outcomes ("DO") and Strategic Direction ("SD"):

- Buildings and Sites DO15: All new buildings, public places and outdoor spaces are welcoming, safe and universally accessible;
- Neighbourhoods and Urban Design SD6: Provide a range of community amenities including culture, recreation, health and educational facilities in each Town Centre; and
- Wellness and Recreation DO6: Residents participate in a wide range of recreation and leisure opportunities.

CONCLUSION

The terms of the purchase and sale agreement are considered reasonable. This acquisition will assist in providing park space in the South Newton Neighbourhood NCP.

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Appendix "I" - Aerial Photograph of Site Appendix "II" – Preliminary Subdivision Plan Appendix "III" – Map Indicating Future Overall Park Appendix "IV" – Map Indicating Future Road

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