

CORPORATE REPORT

NO: R234 COUNCIL DATE: December 16, 2019

REGULAR COUNCIL

TO: Mayor & Council DATE: December 11, 2019

FROM: General Manager, Engineering FILE: 0870-20/576A & B

General Manager, Parks, Recreation & Culture XC: 7919-0300

SUBJECT: Acquisition of Portions of Property at 17939 and 17959 – 24 Avenue for Parkland

Purposes

RECOMMENDATION

The Engineering Department and the Parks, Recreation & Culture Department recommend that Council approve the purchase of a portion of each of the properties located at 17939 – 24 Avenue (PID No. 006-263-321) and 17959 – 24 Avenue (PID No. 010-271-104) for parkland 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 each of the properties located at 17939 and 17959 – 24 Avenue for parkland purposes.

DISCUSSION

Property Description

The properties at 17939 and 17959 - 24 Avenue (the "Properties") are located in the Redwood Heights Neighbourhood Concept Plan Area and have a combined gross area of 78,104.33 m² (19.30 acres). An 8,244.92 m² (2.04 acre) portion of the Properties, as illustrated as Lot 1 on the preliminary concept plan attached as Appendix "II" to this report, is being acquired as parkland. Lot 2 is the future location of an elementary school, which the Surrey School District intends to purchase concurrently with the City's purchase, and Lots 3 and 4 will be developed in the future, once works and services are provided, and submission of a development application is received.

Zoning, Plan Designations and Land Uses

The Properties are zoned A-2 (Intensive Agriculture) and designated Suburban – Urban Reserve in the Official Community Plan. The highest and best use of the portions of the Properties, absent the proposed parkland use, is townhousing (25-30 upa).

Purpose of the Acquisition

These acquisitions will provide natural area parkland in the future Redwood Heights neighbourhood. It is the first piece of a future hub identified in the Biodiversity Conservation Strategy for this area.

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 December 18, 2019. Sale completion will take place upon registration of the subdivision in the Land Title Office.

FUNDING

The Finance Department has confirmed that funds for these acquisitions are available from the 2019 Parkland Acquisition Program.

SUSTAINABILITY CONSIDERATIONS

Acquiring the Properties supports the objectives of the City's Sustainability Charter 2.0. In particular, these acquisitions relate to the Sustainability Charter 2.0 themes of Built Environment and Neighbourhoods, Health and Wellness, and Ecosystems. Specifically, these acquisitions support the following Desired Outcomes ("DO") and Strategic Directions ("SD"):

- Neighbourhoods and Urban Design DO5: Trees, green spaces and natural areas are integrated into all neighbourhoods;
- Neighbourhoods and Urban Design SD6: Provide a range of community amenities including culture, recreation, health and educational facilities in each Town Centre;
- Wellness and Recreation SD6: Provide opportunities for all residents, especially children, to interact with green spaces and trees; and
- Natural Areas, Biodiversity and Urban Forest DO1: Parks, natural areas, urban forests and habitat corridors are interconnected throughout Surrey and the region, creating healthy places for people and wildlife.

CONCLUSION

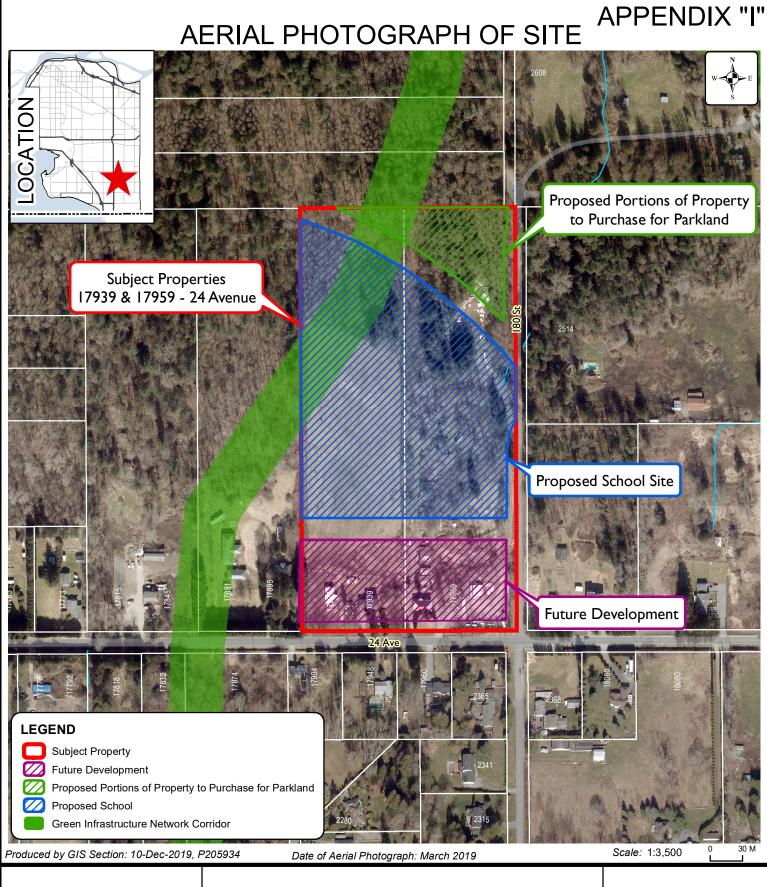
The terms of the purchase and sale agreement are considered reasonable. These acquisitions will provide natural area parkland in the future Redwood Heights neighbourhood and is the first piece of a future hub identified in the Biodiversity Conservation Strategy for this area.

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Appendix "I" - Aerial Photograph of Site Appendix "II" - Preliminary Concept Plan

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SUBJECT PROPERTIES 17939 & 17959 - 24 Avenue

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

APPENDIX "II"

