R145: Northeast Coquitlam Official Community Plan By-law No. 3368



Corporate NO: R145 Report COUNCIL DATE: June 26, 2000

REGULAR COUNCIL

TO: Mayor & Council DATE: June 19, 2000

FROM: General Manager, Planning & Development FILE: 2300-003

SUBJECT: Northeast Coquitlam Official Community Plan By-law No. 3368

RECOMMENDATION

- 1. That Council receive this report as information; and
- 2. That the City Clerk be instructed to forward a letter advising the City of Coquitlam that the City of Surrey has no objection to the Northeast Coquitlam Official Community Plan By-law No. 3368.

BACKGROUND

On June 24, 1999, pursuant to Section 882(3)(d) of the Municipal Act, the City of Coquitlam requested that the City of Surrey (an adjacent municipality) provide comment on By-law No. 3247, 1998 - the Northeast Coquitlam Official Community Plan. At the July 12, 1999 Regular Council meeting, Council considered Corporate Report No. R1949 and instructed the City Clerk to forward a letter advising the City of Coquitlam that the City of Surrey has no objection to the Northeast Coquitlam Official Community Plan By-law. However, Coquitlam City Council subsequently defeated the By-law at Third Reading.

In a letter dated May 30, 2000, to the Mayor and Council, the City of Coquitlam requests comment from the City of Surrey on By-law No. 3368, 2000 - the Northeast Coquitlam Official Community Plan. The proposed By-law received first reading from Coquitlam City Council at its regular meeting on May 29, 2000. Pursuant to Section 882 (3) (d) of the Municipal Act, the City of Coquitlam is now referring the proposed OCP By-law to the City of Surrey (an adjacent municipality) for comment. The By-law is scheduled for consideration by Coquitlam City Council at a Public Hearing on June 28, 2000.

DISCUSSION

The OCP By-law refers to the Northeast Coquitlam area - located directly north of the City of Port Coquitlam, bounded on the east by the Pitt River and on the west by the Coquitlam River (See Figure 1). Although the City of

Coquitlam is a neighbouring municipality, Surrey is distinctly separated from Northeast Coquitlam by distance, the Fraser River and developed urban areas in the City of Coquitlam and the City of Port Coquitlam.



Figure 1. Location of Northeast Coquitlam

The proposed new OCP By-law is only a minor revision of the previous OCP By-law. The new By-law merely adds a section on Regional Context to indicate how the Northeast Coquitlam Official Community Plan relates to the Greater Vancouver Regional District's Livable Region Strategic Plan.

On July 12,1999, Surrey Council concluded that the original Northeast Coquitlam OCP By-law would have no impact on Surrey. There are no significant changes in the new OCP By-law in comparison to the By-law which was forwarded to Surrey in 1999.

CONCLUSION

The Northeast Coquitlam Official Community Plan will not affect the City of Surrey. As such, it is recommended that Council instruct the City Clerk to forward a letter to the City of Coquitlam advising that the City of Surrey has no objection to the proposed Northeast Coquitlam OCP By-law No. 3368, 2000.

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