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## **REGULAR**

**TO: Mayor & Council DATE: July 19, 2000**

**FROM: General Manager of Parks, Recreation and Culture FILE: 0065-012  
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**SUBJECT: Disposal of Undeveloped Parkland - Willow Park**

## **RECOMMENDATION**

That Council receive this information.

## **BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION**

In July 1999, Council-in-Committee received a delegation from Mr. and Mrs. F. Young who spoke about their concerns regarding maintenance of parkland adjacent to their property located at 6258 - 175A Street known as Willow Park. The delegation's principal concern was over the impact of brush and tree roots bordering the east and south of their property.

At the meeting, Council asked staff to review whether this single lot park (or "tot lot") should remain as a park or be sold. Because the City has met its acquisition target for supply of parkland in the neighbourhood park category it was recommended by staff to sell Willow Park and to use the proceeds to acquire parkland adjacent to existing larger parks in the Cloverdale area as currently allowed under the Municipal Act. Subsequently, the property was advertised for sale.

At the June 26, 2000 Council-in-Committee meeting, Council received a delegation from Michele Fun regarding the sale of Willow Park. Mrs. Fun raised concerns over the sale of this parkland and brought forward a petition from some local residents opposed to the sale.

This small park has very limited recreational value because of its small size, and staff report very little use of this park area by area residents. Current acquisition guidelines for neighbourhood parks state a minimum size of 5 acres and tot lots are no longer acquired through purchase or accepted by dedication. The local park currently being used by the neighbourhood is located at 17383 - 61A Avenue and is known as Cloverdale Ball Park. It is a 9.5 acre park that accommodates both active and passive recreation. This park is located 200

metres to the west of Willow Park.

## **CONCLUSION**

Having met the acquisition target in the neighbourhood park category within this area of Cloverdale, and with a large neighbourhood park in close proximity, the Department considers Willow Park as surplus.

It is therefore recommended to sell this undeveloped park as a single residential lot. Proceeds from the sale will be used to purchase parkland that can be added to a suitably sized park.

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and Culture