R002: City of Coquitlam Citywide Official Community Plan



REGULAR COUNCIL			
TO:	Mayor & Council	DATE:	January 2, 2002
FROM:	General Manager, Planning & Development	FILE:	2300-003
SUBJECT:	City of Coquitlam Citywide Official Community Plan		

### RECOMMENDATION

The Planning and Development Department recommends that Council:

- 1. Receive this report as information; and
- 2. Instruct the City Clerk to forward a letter to the City of Coquitlam advising that the City of Surrey has no objection, in principle, to the Citywide Official Community Plan By-law No. 3479, 2001, but requests that the City of Surrey be consulted on any plans for major development along the Fraser River shoreline.

### BACKGROUND

On December 3, 2001, Coquitlam Council granted first reading and referred to Public Hearing, the Citywide Official Community Plan By-law No. 3479, 2001 (the "Citywide OCP"). As an adjacent municipality, the City of Coquitlam ("Coquitlam") has invited the City of Surrey ("Surrey") to comment on the proposed by-law.

## **DISCUSSION**

The Citywide OCP consolidates previous Official Community Plans for specific areas of Coquitlam into one comprehensive planning document and addresses wide-range community issues and priorities for Coquitlam as a whole. Planning and Development Department staff have reviewed the document and have concluded that the overall objectives and policies contained in the Citywide OCP are consistent with sound planning principles. Further, since the Fraser River separates Coquitlam from Surrey, the only land use interface issues that may affect Surrey relate to development on the Fraser River shoreline. As such, it is recommended that Council request that Surrey be consulted if any major development is proposed along the Fraser River shoreline.

# **CONCLUSION**

Based on a review of the proposed Coquitlam Citywide OCP, it is recommended that Council instruct the City Clerk to forward a letter to Coquitlam advising that Surrey has no objection, in principle, to the proposed Citywide Official Community Plan By-law No. 3479, 2001, but requests that Surrey be consulted on any plans for major development along the Fraser River shoreline.

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