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Report COUNCIL DATE: November 25, 2002

REGULAR COUNCIL

TO: Mayor & Council DATE: **November 19, 2002**

FROM: General Manager, Engineering FILE: **8380-201/E**
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SUBJECT: Land Acquisition for the South Westminster Waterfront Park(11095 Portage Road - Map 9)

RECOMMENDATION

That Council authorize the acquisition of PID No. 002-434-318 (11095 Portage Road) for park space as set out in the 2002 Park Acquisition Program.

BACKGROUND

The Parks, Recreation and Culture Department has identified the subject property as a high priority need to provide additional parkland for the South Westminster Waterfront Park. The parkland at this particular location will complete the land acquisition needs for the Brownsville Bar Park, which is at the upstream end of the South Westminster Waterfront Park.

DISCUSSION

1. Property Location: 11095 Portage Road

This site has a total area of 1,069 m² (.26 acre). The subject site is located northeast of Yale Road and south of the Canadian National Rail line on the unconstructed road allowance of Portage Road.

2. Zoning, Plan Designations and Land Uses

The subject property is currently zoned IL (Light Impact Industrial Zone) and is designated as Industrial under the Official Community Plan.

3. Purpose of the Acquisition

The Parks, Recreation and Culture Department first identified this site in the 1999 Park Acquisition Program citing three specific objectives for acquiring the property. The objectives are to supply additional parking, allow for the construction of a washroom facility, and to provide clear and proper access to the park.

4. Contract of Purchase and Sale

Staff have negotiated a Contract of Purchase and Sale Agreement with the owner subject to Council approval by November 25, 2002. Completion is to take place upon registration on December 19, 2002.

5. Parks, Recreation and Culture Department's Comments

The acquisition of additional land at the Brownsville Bar Park is deemed a very important component of the Corporate mandate to increase public waterfront access to the Fraser River. This recently developed park is very popular. This park clearly experiences significant park and access problems, especially when salmon sport fishing is allowed. Acquisition of this property is considered essential to further improve the viability of the Brownsville Bar Park.

CONCLUSION

This is the final acquisition of the five properties required to provide the park space on Portage Road as set out in the 2002 Park Acquisition Program.

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Appendices

I. Site Plan

II. Aerial Photograph of Site