



Corporate NO: R225

Report COUNCIL DATE: December 9, 2002

REGULAR COUNCIL

TO: Mayor & Council **DATE: December 3, 2002**

FROM: General Manager, Engineering **FILE: 8380-279/A**
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SUBJECT: Park Acquisition for Cloverdale(19396 Colebrook Road - Map 89)

RECOMMENDATION

That Council authorize the partial acquisition of PID No. 009-602-500 (19396 Colebrook Road) for park/open space as set out in the 2001 Park Acquisition Program.

BACKGROUND

The Parks, Recreation and Culture Department has identified the subject property as a property to be acquired to provide additional parkland for Hi-Knoll Park. This land purchase will allow for proper access to the park area from Colebrook Road into Hi-Knoll Park. Due to the topography of the site access on the current park land is not practical, in fact a current informal pathway exists across the subject property and is used by the public to access the park area.

DISCUSSION

1. Property Location: 19396 Colebrook Road

This improved site has a total area of 21,592 m² (5.34 acres). The subject property is located south of Colebrook Road between 192 Street and the Surrey/Langley border.

2. Zoning, Plan Designations and Land Uses

The subject property is zoned A-1 (Agricultural Zone) and is designated as Agricultural under the Official Community Plan. The Highest and Best Use of the property is the existing utilization, and is within a B.C. Hydro transmission line right-of-way.

3. Purpose of the Acquisition

The partial acquisition of the subject property will provide additional park/open space for Hi-Knoll Park. This proposed acquisition is linked with the functionality of the park and will ensure long term public access to the parkland south of Colebrook Road while preserving the sensitive creek and riparian areas of Anderson Creek. The acquisition also falls in line with the Natural Area Management Plan of the Parks Department by adding some habitat complexity to this portion of Hi-Knoll 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 December 10, 2002. Completion is to take place upon registration on March 6, 2003.

CONCLUSION

This is the first acquisition of the two properties required to provide the Cloverdale neighbourhood with park/open space in accordance with the 2002 Park Acquisition Program.

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Appendices

I. Site Plan

II. Aerial Photograph of Site