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Corporate Report

NO: R163

COUNCIL DATE: July 21, 2003

REGULAR COUNCIL

TO: Mayor & Council DATE: July 14, 2003

FROM: General Manager, Engineering FILE: 8380-275A & B

SUBJECT: Land Acquisition for Tom Binnie Park Expansion

(10690 - 134 Street and 10699 - 135 Street - Map 11)

RECOMMENDATION

That Council authorize the full acquisition of PID Nos. 023-611-383 (10690 - 134 Street) & 023-611-391 (10699 - 135 Street) for the expansion of Tom Binnie Park.

DISCUSSION

1. Property Location

These vacant sites have a total area of two acres. They are located in the Surrey City Centre just north of Tom Binnie Park between 134 and 135 Street.

2. Zoning, Plan Designations and Land Uses

The subject properties are zoned CD (Comprehensive Development) and designated City Centre in the Official Community Plan. The Highest and Best Use of the properties is holding for future high-rise, multi-family and commercial development.

3. Purpose of the Acquisition

The acquisition of the subject property will provide a functional addition to Tom Binnie Park and allow for the implementation of one of the key elements of the Whalley Enhancement Initiative. The acquisitions will create a downtown active park spanning both sides of West Whalley Ring Road and will ensure that enough land is available to implement the indoor soccer facility proposed as part of the Whalley Enhancement Initiative.

4. Contract of Purchase and Sale

Staff have negotiated a Contract of Purchase and Sale Agreement with the owners, subject to Council approval by July 22, 2003. Completion is to take place upon registration on August 31, 2003.

CONCLUSION

Approval of the proposed acquisitions will provide a functional addition to Tom Binnie Park and allow for the implementation of an important component of the Whalley Enhancement Initiative.

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Appendices

- Site Plan
- Aerial Photograph of Site