Corporate Report

NO: R182

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2003

REGULAR COUNCIL

TO: Mayor &

Council

FROM: General Manager,

Engineering

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Sale of City Land (15238 - 19 Avenue - Map SUBJECT:

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RECOMMENDATION

That Council authorize the sale, through public tender, of the surplus City owned property located at 15238 - 19 Avenue (PID No. 005-109-655) subject to the provisions of Sections 186 and 187 of the Local Government Act.

BACKGROUND

The subject property was purchased in May 1996 as a potential site for the proposed South Surrey Library. On March 25, 2002, Corporate Report #R052 "South Surrey Library/RCMP Policing Office Site Selection" was submitted to Council identifying three potential sites for a combined facility. Subsequently, Council approved staff recommendation that the Fire Hall No. 13 site at 15155 - 18 Avenue as the preferred location for the new South Surrey Library and Community Policing Station. Construction of this facility is near completion.

The funding for the 19 Avenue property acquisition came from the Municipal Land Reserve (MLR); therefore, the net proceeds from the sale must go back into the MLR and can then be reallocated for General Capital needs.

Property Location, Size, and Characteristics

The property is located on the south side of 19 Avenue, one lot east of 152 Street, is cleared, levelled,

and services are readily available. The site is 41,442 sq.ft. (.95 acres) in area and is encumbered with two rights-of-way along the west property line. One is for an existing storm sewer, while the other is for a future lane access, connecting 19 Avenue and the lane immediately south of the subject property. To date the site has been used for storage of construction materials for the new library/police station. With construction now virtually complete there is no further need for such storage.

B. Zoning and Land Use

The subject property is currently zoned RF Single Family Residential and is designated Urban in the Semiahmoo Town Centre Plan and TC Town Centre in the OCP. The Highest and Best Use is considered to be medium density strata title apartments.

DISCUSSION

Corporate Report #R052 recommended that if the 15155 - 18 Avenue site was selected for the proposed Library/RCMP facility, the subject property could be used for other civic uses or sold as surplus City land. As there are no current civic uses identified for the subject property, it is recommended that the lands be immediately marketed for sale. The market for the Town Centre land in South Surrey is currently very good, and it is expected that this site will be sold before the end of 2003. Staff will report back to Council on the results of the public tendering process.

CONCLUSION

The subject property is surplus to the City's needs. To maximize the City's return and to ensure compliance with the land sale provisions of the Local Government Act, it is recommended that Council authorize staff to market this property through a public tender process.

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Appendices

- I. Site Plan
- II. Aerial Photo

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