



# **Corporate** NO: R138

# **Report** COUNCIL DATE: June 26, 2000

## **REGULAR COUNCIL**

**TO: Mayor & Council**    **DATE: June 19, 2000**

**FROM: General Manager, Engineering**    **FILE: 8380-002 A&C**

**SUBJECT: Land Acquisition for Hawthorne Park**

## **RECOMMENDATION**

That Council authorize:

1. the purchase of PID No. 011-353-163 (14350 - 108 Avenue) and PID No. 011-353-201 (14364 & 14372 - 108 Avenue) for future expansion of Hawthorne Park; and
2. the Legislative Services Department to prepare and introduce the relevant by-law.

## **DISCUSSION**

### **1. Property Location: 14350/64/72 - 108 Avenue**

These properties are located in the City Centre area of the City. Combined, the two properties have an area of 5,249.42 m<sup>2</sup> (56,506 sq.ft.). The property at 14350 - 108 Avenue is improved with an older house. The property at 14364/72 - 108 Avenue is improved with two older houses.

### **2. Zoning, Plan Designations and Land Uses**

The current zoning for both properties is RF (Single Family Residential Zone) and they are designated Urban in the Official Community Plan. The Highest and Best Use of the two subject properties, as presently improved, is to retain the three existing dwellings upon the two subject lots. This would provide a holding income until the time of an eventual redevelopment of the two subject lots.

### **3. Purpose of the Acquisition**

The Parks, Recreation and Culture Department has identified these two properties adjacent to Hawthorne Park to be acquired for the expansion of the park.

The acquisition of the subject properties will also enhance the park's exposure from 108 Avenue and will provide users with a safe crossing of 108 Avenue at the corner of 144 Street rather than mid-block. Furthermore, the acquisition of the subject properties will now complete the link for the Streamside Greenway linking it to Invergarry Park on the north side. The trails and bridges in Hawthorne Park have already been upgraded to that effect. The Streamside Greenway will ultimately link Invergarry Park to the Quibble Creek Greenway located behind Surrey Memorial Hospital.

#### **4. Contract of Purchase and Sale**

Staff have negotiated a Contract of Purchase and Sale with the owner subject to Council's approval by June 28, 2000. Completion is to take place upon registration on July 14, 2000.

#### **CONCLUSION**

Approval of these acquisitions will provide for the future expansion and development of Hawthorne Park and will complete the linkage of the Streamside Greenway to Invergarry Park to the north. The Parks, Recreation and Culture Department recommended the acquisition of these properties under the 2000 Park Acquisition Program.

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#### Appendices

- I. Location Map
- II. Site Map
- III. Aerial Photograph of Site