

City of Richmond

Report to Council

To:

Richmond City Council

Date:

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From:

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File:

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Manager, Property Services

Re:

Road

Road Closure and Removal of Highway Dedication Bylaw 8161 - 5491 No. 2

Staff Recommendation

That:

- 1. Road Closure and Removal of Highway Dedication Bylaw 8161 be given 1st 2nd and 3rd readings and that staff be given the authority to take all necessary steps as required by the Community Charter to:
 - (a) give the public notice in accordance with s. 94 of the Community Charter;
 - (b) provide an opportunity for persons who consider they are affected by the bylaw to make representations to Council; and
 - (c) give notice to the operators of utilities whose transmission or distribution facilities or works the City considers will be affected by the closure; and
- 2. Council authorize staff to make the necessary arrangements to grant rights of way as required for City and non-City utilities and for public rights of access (including vehicular access), and that the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute on the City's behalf all documentation (including agreements and plans) as may be necessary or advisable in connection with the granting of such rights.

Christine McGilvr

Manager, Property Services

(4005)Att.

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Staff Report

Origin

The rezoning application for the City-owned property at 5491 No. 2 Road (Bylaw 8041) went to Public Hearing on Tuesday April 18, 2006 and was given 1st 2nd and 3rd readings. The site is to be rezoned from School and Public Use (SPU) to CD/172 to permit its subdivision for the purposes of high-, mid- and low-rise multiple-family residential dwellings and (on the southerly portion of the site) to permit development of affordable housing.

The final adoption of Bylaw 8041 requires that the site be reconfigured in accordance with diagram 1 of Bylaw 8041 (see Attachment 1). In order to do this, a Road Closure and Highway Dedication Removal Bylaw must be enacted.

Findings Of Fact

In order to reconfigure the site as envisioned by Bylaw 8041, the following steps must be undertaken:

- 1. a portion of the River Road frontage needs to be dedicated to "road" to line up the northerly property line with the adjacent neighbouring property to the west;
- 2. portions of River Road and No. 2 Road must be closed and the highway designation removed therefrom, so that the land may be consolidated with the larger remaining parcel of 5491 No. 2 Road.
- 3. City and non-City utilities within the portion of No. 2 Road to be closed will be protected by rights of way registered on the land. The rights of way needed will be for:
 - a. existing underground City utilities;
 - b. existing utilities (BC Hydro, Telus and Terasen gas);
 - c. public rights of access, as the area will continue for a short period to be used, as it is now, as road access onto No. 2 Road from River Road. This use will change in the future when the realigned River Road is constructed and opened for traffic. At that time, the right of way for public access will be discharged.

Bylaw 8161 (see Attachment 2) will close the appropriate portions of road and remove the highway designation therefrom. This report also seeks Council approval to grant the necessary rights of way for utilities and public rights of access.

Analysis

In order to finalize the rezoning Bylaw 8041, a Road Closure and Removal of Highway Dedication Bylaw must first be enacted to reconfigure the parcel in accordance with the rezoning requirements.

To close a road, the City must enact a Road Closure Bylaw after giving notice of its intentions in accordance with s. 94 of the Community Charter and after providing an opportunity for persons who consider they are affected by the bylaw to make representations to Council as well as deliver notice of its intentions to the operators of utilities whose transmission or distribution facilities or works the City considers will be affected by the closure.

To remove the previous dedication of the road, the City must enact a removal of highway dedication bylaw after giving notice of its intentions in accordance with s. 94 of the Community Charter and after providing an opportunity for persons who consider they are affected by the bylaw to make representations to Council.

Title will then be raised to the closed portion of former road, which will then be consolidated with part of the City's existing parcel, 5491 No. 2 Road. Staff expect that the owners of the utilities will require the City to provide protection for the existing works by registering rights of ways in their favour concurrently with the road closure. Staff will also be registering the public access right of way immediately after the registration of the bylaws to ensure that there is no time when the subject property is not a "Street" within the meaning of the Traffic Bylaw No. 5870.

Financial Impact

The City will pay for the necessary survey work to reconfigure the property lines, to create rights of way plans, to consolidate the closed road portions and to dedicate the new River Road frontage areas to "road" as necessary. This work is estimated at \$3,500.00.

The City will also bear the cost of registration of the necessary rights of way, estimated at approximately \$400.00.

Funds are available in 7101-80-000-0000-000 (Cost of Selling Land Account) and will be recovered from the eventual sale of the land.

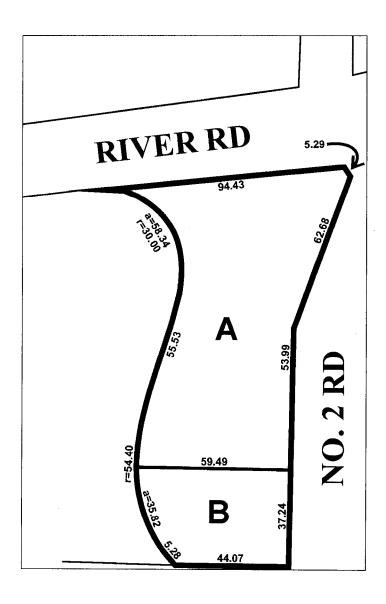
Conclusion

In order to complete the rezoning of the site (Bylaw 8041), Bylaw 8161 must be first enacted. It is recommended therefore that Council proceed with 1st, 2nd and 3rd readings of Bylaw 8161. Prior to final reading of Bylaw 8161, staff must take all steps required by the Community Charter to ensure the notice requirements are met as well as providing an opportunity for persons who consider they are affected by Bylaw 8161 to make representations to Council. The City must also grant the necessary rights of way to protect existing utilities that are in place in the portions of road to be closed and to permit the City to continue to operate the No. 2 Road access road as a road (which will be on the newly titled City lands) until such time as No. 2 Road is realigned.

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Attachment "1"





City of Richmond

Bylaw 8161

Road Closure and Removal of Highway Dedication Adjacent to 5491 No. 2 Road – Bylaw 8161

The Council of the City of Richmond enacts as follows:

- 1. The land described as Parcel "A" and Parcel "B" on the Reference Plan prepared by Stephen J. Campbell, B.C.L.S. attached as Schedule "A" shall be stopped up and closed to traffic, cease to be a public highway and the highway dedication shall be removed.
- 2. This Bylaw is cited as "Road Closure And Removal Of Highway Dedication Bylaw 8161".

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