REGULAR COUNCIL

TO: Mayor and Council  
FROM: General Manager, Engineering  
General Manager, Parks, Recreation and Culture

DATE: March 8, 2012
FILE: 0870/20-393/B/C

SUBJECT: Acquisition of Property at 13799 & 13809 Grosvenor Road for Parkland

RECOMMENDATION

The Engineering Department and the Parks, Recreation and Culture Department recommend that Council approve the purchase of the properties at 13799 Grosvenor Road (PID No. 011-155-434) and 13809 Grosvenor Road (PID No. 000-462-624) for parkland.

DISCUSSION

1. **Property Location: 13799 & 13809 Grosvenor Road**

   The properties at 13799 & 13809 Grosvenor Road are situated in City Centre adjacent to City-owned parkland as illustrated on Appendix I. The two properties have a combined total area of 2,604 m² (0.64 acres). Both properties are improved with older, single-family detached dwellings.

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

   The subject properties are located within a Single Family Residential (RF) zone and are designated “Urban” in the Official Community Plan. These properties have been identified for park purposes on the Surrey City Centre Land Use Plan.

3. **Purpose of the Acquisition**

   The purpose of the acquisition is to provide a future neighbourhood park for residents in City Centre. Neighbourhood parks typically contain walking paths, playgrounds, and other passive recreation opportunities.

4. **Contract of Purchase and Sale**

   A purchase and sale agreement has been negotiated with and accepted by the owner of the properties. This agreement is supported by an appraisal completed by an accredited, independent appraiser. The agreement is subject to City Council approval on or before March 12, 2012. Sale completion is to take place upon registration, which is anticipated to occur by April 16, 2012.
5. **Sustainability Considerations**

Acquiring the subject property supports the objectives of the City’s Sustainability Charter. In particular, the following action items:

- **SC6** – Accessible and appropriately located services within the City, including recreation, arts, culture, and customer service locations; and
- **EN13** – Enhancing the Public Realm by the design of parks and natural areas.

6. **Funding for Purchase**

The Finance Department has confirmed that funds for this acquisition are available in the Park Acquisition DCC Reserve.

**CONCLUSION**

The terms of the purchase and sale agreement are considered reasonable. The recommended acquisitions will assist in ensuring adequate park/open space for the residents in City Centre.

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Appendix I: Aerial Photograph of Site