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ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

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TO: Vancouver City Council

FROM: The General Manager of Engineering Services in Consultation with the Director of Real Estate Services

SUBJECT: Proposed Closure of a Portion of Road Adjacent to 636 Powell Street

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council close and stop-up the approximately 350 square foot portion of road being: [PID: 016-163-362] The North 7 Feet of Lot 6 Block 52 District Lot 196 Plan 196 and [PID: 016-163-389] The North 7 Feet of Lot 7 Block 52 District Lot 196 Plan 196 (hereinafter, the "Road Portion"), the same as generally shown hatched on the plan attached as Appendix "A", subject to the Road Portion being consolidated with the abutting City-owned Lots 1 to 5, and Lots 6 and 7 Both Except the North 7 Feet Now Road, All of Block 52 District Lot 196 Plan 196, the same as shown in heavy outline on Appendix "A", to the satisfaction of the Director of Legal Services.

If Council approves the recommendation as contained in this report, the Formal Resolution to close the Road Portion will be before Council later this day for approval.

COUNCIL POLICY

The authority for closing and disposing of streets and lanes is set out in the Vancouver Charter.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to seek Council authority to close and stop-up the Road Portion adjacent to 636 Powell Street.

BACKGROUND

The Road Portion is owned by the City and was established as road in 1941 by Document Filed 32694.

On February 15, 2000, Council approved the recommendation as contained in the General Manager of Engineering Services' report to close and stop-up a portion of Powell Street adjacent to 668 Powell Street (Lot F, Plan LMP45543), which is developed with a non-market rental building, the "Bridget Moran Place".

DISCUSSION

The City purchased Lots 1 to 5, and the "remainder" of Lots 6 and 7, in 2007, which together form one of the 12 City-owned sites identified in the December 2007 Memorandum of Understanding for the development of social and supportive housing. The proposed CD-1 rezoning of the site was referred to a public hearing at Council's meeting of May 18, 2010. Under the corresponding Director of Planning's Policy Report, dated May 7, 2010, the closure of the Road Portion and its consolidation with Lots 1 to 5 and the "remainder" of Lots 6 and 7 to form a single development parcel have been established as proposed conditions of by-law enactment. Engineering Services' review of this matter has concluded that the 7 foot wide portion of Powell Street is surplus to the City's needs, and the closure and consolidation of the north 7 feet of Lots 6 and 7 with adjoining parcels will restore a consistent southerly limit for Powell Street in the subject block.

As the abutting lands are City-owned and the site is to be developed for social housing, the General Manager of Engineering Services supports the road being closed without any transfer of funds between internal departments, noting that the Director of Real Estate Services has advised that the estimated market value of the Road Portion to be closed is \$52,500 (\$150 per square foot).

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications.

CONCLUSION

The General Manager of Engineering Services, in consultation with the Director of Real Estate Services, recommends approval of the Recommendation contained in this report.

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